

Race for high-speed rail contracts

Train manufacturers are competing for contracts worth hundreds of billions of dollars with the construction of new high-speed rail networks in Russia, China, the UK, Vietnam, Brazil, and – the biggest prize – the U.S., where President Obama has allocated an \$8bn stimulus for the sector

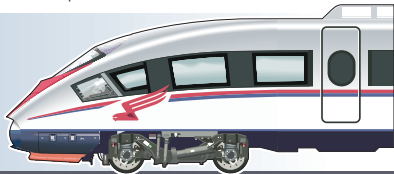
Siemens Velaro, Germany

Capacity: 8 cars, 536 seats

Top speed: 350km/h (217mph)

26 trains in use by Spain's RENFE,
eight trains bought by Russian Railways.

100 trains ordered by China



Alstom AGV, France

Capacity: 14 cars, 650 seats

Top speed: 360km/h (223mph)

Unveiled 2008. 25 trains ordered
by Italy's Nuovo Trasporto
Viaggiatori in deal worth €650m

Shinkansen N700, Japan

Capacity: 8 cars, 546 seats

Top speed: 300km/h (186mph)

N700 tilts by up to one degree
to allow trains to maintain
270km/h around curves



U.S. HIGH-SPEED NETWORK

Acela Express: Washington DC-Boston

