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# News Release

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## SCR TTC Announces Reformulated Gasoline Settlement Grant Funding Award

**Los Angeles, CA** - The Southern California Transit Training Consortium (**SCR TTC**) is 1 of only 10 California non-profits that have received grant funding from the Reformulated Gasoline Settlement Fund.

The SCR TTC was awarded \$675,675.00 in grant funds extending over a 3-year period of performance. This grant will enable us to provide clean air and fuel efficiency benefits to California consumers by developing curricula and delivering training for technicians on how to maintain electric gas hybrid buses within the transit fleets in Southern California.

The Reformulated Gasoline Settlement Fund (RFG) is the result of the settlement of fourteen (14) class action lawsuits against Union Oil Company of California and Unocal Corporation (Unocal). The RFG solicited applications from 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations for grants to fund projects designed to achieve fuel or air emission benefits for consumers in California. Partnerships with public agencies and others were also encouraged.

This SCR TTC organization was created and incorporated in January 2004 in response to the industry's need for a trained technical/mechanical labor work force. The SCR TTC continues to benefit the transit industry and educational institutions by the development of a bottoms-up industry driven competency based courseware and training program that meets present and future needs in the Southern California region. This collaborative effort has resulted in a Learning Model which brings together 28 Community Colleges, Transit Agencies and Universities to develop a regional mechanism for the coordination and development of training for the technical transit workforce.

Faced with new and ever increasing technological advances such as hybrid drive technology, the transit industry has a tremendous need for a highly skilled, technologically advanced workforce. These advances present a number of unique challenges for the successful operation of this environmentally friendly fleet. The overall outcome of the funds awarded, will result in high tech buses realizing the fuel efficiencies they were designed for, with more days in operation, less pollution, cleaner air, and longer useful life expectancy.

To date the SCR TTC has delivered over 21,000 hours of training to over more than 1,600 transit employees that maintain vehicles in Southern California.

For further information about the Consortium, please visit our website at [www.scrttc.com](http://www.scrttc.com).

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