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SCR TTC Announces FTA Continued Funding

Los Angeles, CA - The Southern California Transit Training Consortium (**SCR TTC**) has been awarded \$450,000 to continue funding the SCR TTC Program. The executed contract funding by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), will enable the SCR TTC to further expand its workforce development training program another full calendar year beginning January 1, 2011 and ending December 31, 2011.

This SCR TTC organization was created and incorporated in January 2004 in response to the industry's need for a trained technical/mechanical labor workforce. 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 27 Community Colleges, Transit Agencies and Universities to develop a regional mechanism for the coordination and development of training for the technical workforce within the transportation industry.

SCR TTC was originally funded under the 2005 Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), the SCR TTC was awarded \$1.28 million in Research and Technology funds over a four (4) year period. This program was awarded to the SCR TTC as a result of the support and leadership of Senator Barbara Boxer (D-CA). The funds were awarded to the SCR TTC to enhance and standardize transit training in the Southern California region. More specifically, the program demonstrated how collaboration between community colleges and transit agencies in Southern California builds capacity for workforce development and delivery of technical and supervisory training courses for transit workers.

Faced with new and ever increasing technological advances such as alternative fuel, fuel cell and hybrid drive technologies, global positioning systems (GPS), on-board computerized microprocessors, and computerized facility support systems, the transit industry has a tremendous need for a highly skilled, technologically advanced workforce. Maintaining a large fleet of diverse fuel efficient vehicles presents a number of unique challenges for the successful operation of this environmentally friendly fleet.

To date the SCR TTC has delivered nearly 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.

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