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TRANSPORTATION AGENCIES HOST BUSINESS PROCUREMENT SYMPOSIUM ON DECEMBER 2nd

Chicago - Vendors and contractors interested in doing business with regional transportation agencies are invited to attend the 12th Annual Transportation Symposium & Business Exchange on December 2nd from noon to 6 p.m. at the Chicago Hilton & Towers, 720 South Michigan Avenue.

Key representatives from the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA), CTA, Metra, Pace and IDOT will participate in the symposium and provide 2009 procurement forecasts. Highlights of this year's event include:

- A workshop titled "How to get Bids, Get Contracts, and Get Paid!"
- Business Forum followed by a Networking Reception. During the one-on-one business exchange, Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) can meet with procurement and departmental representatives from each agency and network with contractors and vendors to explore contracting business opportunities
- Vendor exhibitors

Registrants can look forward to broadening business opportunities with governmental agencies, promoting their products and services, networking, plus develop partnerships with other vendors in the transportation industry. "The RTA is committed to partnering with a diverse array of businesses to reflect the diverse constituencies that our agency serves in northeastern Illinois," according to Steve Schlickman, RTA Executive Director.

Bryce D. Word, Special Projects Manager, Office of External Relations, of Pace Suburban Bus Service adds, "The Transportation Symposium will not only allow attendees to learn about the suburban transit agency, but also how receptive and excited we are to promote supplier diversity."

Professional service firms, engineers, architects and construction contractors are just a few of the businesses who can benefit by attending this event. Registration begins at noon followed by the information workshop from 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. and the event concludes with the Business Forum and Networking Reception from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.

"This forum provides vendors and contractors with an opportunity to meet directly with the decision makers, receive invaluable information, and assist in developing a better understanding on how we do business," says Issa G. Lozada, IDOT Diversity Administrator.

To register for the 12th Annual Transportation Symposium & Business Exchange, contact Merry Green Promotions Group at (312) 243-3554 or visit merrygreenpromotions.com to register on line. Pre-registration: \$75 – On-site registration: \$95.

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