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RTD Selected for Environmental Management Systems Training

(Stockton, CA) – On September 27, Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Administrator Peter Rogoff announced the selection of San Joaquin Regional Transit District (RTD) to receive training and assistance to implement an Environmental Management System (EMS). Training for this effort is provided through the Center for Organizational and Technological Advancement at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech) in Roanoke, Virginia. RTD was one of only ten awardees selected through a national call for applications. RTD was selected alongside Foothill Transit, Long Beach Transit, Austin's Capital Metro Transit, and Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority. RTD has established its EMS development team, and will begin formal training in early 2011.

An Environmental Management System (EMS) is a set of processes and practices that enable an organization to reduce its environmental impacts and increase its operating efficiency. Organizations with an EMS report being able to more effectively manage their environmental obligations. Additionally, organizations report an enhanced ability to analyze, control and reduce environmental impacts, and to operate with greater efficiency and control. Additional program benefits include cost savings over time, improved bond ratings, reduced insurance premiums, and better community relations.

RTD is committed to the betterment of the community we serve, and the improvement of the unique environment around us. We are recognized by our community partners and transit industry peers for taking a proactive lead in the adoption of new technologies that reduce emissions while reducing costs, such as the use of clean, quiet, and efficient diesel-electric hybrid buses. RTD has received many environmental awards: three from TOPPS (Targeted Opportunities to Prevent Pollution in San Joaquin County), including their 'P3-Premier Pollution Preventer' Award. In 2005, the San Joaquin Council of Governments recognized RTD with one of its Regional Excellence Awards for its first two hybrid buses.

To learn more about RTD's green initiatives, visit www.sanjoaquinRTD.com/green. For route and schedule information: RTD Customer Information Line - (209) 943-1111 or 1-800-HOW-TO-RIDE (1-800-469-8674).

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