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| **Kinkisharyo International to Hire More Than 150 Employees in its Palmdale Facility**  Japanese light rail manufacturer Kinkisharyo International is looking to hire more than 150 employees for its Palmdale facility. Among the positions the company is seeking to fill are manufacturing engineers, production supervisors, mechanical and electrical quality control inspectors and technicians, and master schedulers. In April 2012, Kinkisharyo received an $891 million railcar contract from our agency to deliver up to 235 cars for use on our regional expansion light-rail network. Metro has formally ordered 175 cars, and the first 28 cars are scheduled for delivery by the end of 2015. Kinkisharyo is the U.S. arm of Kinki Sharyo Co. Ltd. of Osaka, and is in negotiations to lease hangar space on Site 9, a 307-acre parcel in Palmdale owned by Los Angeles World Airports, the Los Angeles city agency that operates Los Angeles International Airport. The city of Palmdale and South Valley WorkSource Center are accepting the applications. Qualified applicants must have a valid passport as training will be outside of the country. For the full story as found on the Los Angeles Business Journal, please click [here](http://labusinessjournal.com/news/2013/aug/27/railcar-maker-hire-150-palmdale/).  **Metro Art Tour on September 5 highlighted on influential arts calendar**  Metro’s downtown art tour on Thursday, September 5, 2013 was featured on Community Arts Resources’ weekly influential cultural arts calendar and eblast. The guided, artist-led *Metro Art Moves* tours are designed to attract new riders through arts-based transit experiences. The tours not only highlight Metro’s diverse collection of artworks, but also educate new customers on use of TAP, promote rider etiquette, and help boost public perceptions about transit. This is the final summer tour focused on downtown LA, with a new fall series launching in October. Next week’s tour departs from 7th Street/Metro Center Station at 5:30 p.m. and ends at 7:00 p.m. at Civic Center/Grand Park Station, at Grand Park with live music and food trucks.  **Labor Day Holiday Message**  For the upcoming Labor Day holiday, I would like to recognize and thank our employees for their economic and social contributions to our nation and for contributing to the mobility of our customers in Los Angeles County. To those Metro employees working on this holiday, thank you for continuing to provide excellent service to our customers. To those employees observing the holiday, have a safe and pleasant holiday.  **Procurement Postings for Next Week**  Consulting Services for the Gateway Building Carpet Replacement Project (RFP)  Metro will release Request for Proposals (RFP) RFP, a solicitation to obtain move consulting services for the Gateway Building Carpet Replacement project. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Tuesday, September 3, 2013 through Tuesday, December 31, 2013. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Kenneth Takahashi, Principal Contract Administrator at (213) 922-1047.  State Advocacy Legislative Services (RFP)  Metro will release a Request for Proposal (RFP), next week to procure the State Advocacy Legislative Services. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday, August 30, 2013 to Thursday, October 31, 2013. Transportation decisions are an integral part of the political process and daily life for the average citizen. Because of the dynamic policy-making process and the involvement of multiple levels of government, Metro’s ability to plan, program, and deliver transportation services is greatly impacted by federal, state and local legislation. Sacramento-based advocacy services are essential to providing the Metro with the necessary coverage of legislative activities. The day-to-day and face-to-face contact with state elected officials and state staff assist the Government Relations Department in assuring Metro’s interests in Sacramento are protected and advocated during the legislative process. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Maria V. Lechuga, at (213) 922-7206.  Bus Engine Air Compressors  Metro will release an Invitation for Bid (IFB) next week to procure bus engine air compressors. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday, September 6, 2013 through Tuesday, December 31, 2013. Compressors under this procurement are needed to operate all pneumatic systems on the bus including brakes and doors. Award of a contract will provide a commitment from the supplier to ensure availability at a fixed, competitive price. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Tanya Allen, Procurement Planning Administrator, at (213) 922-1018  **Upcoming CEO Meetings & Events**  Next week, I will attend a joint press event entitled “Go Metro to USC Football Games” and a Metrolink press event for Rail Safety Month. Also, I will have separate meetings with Metro Board Chair Diane DuBois and our Service Council Chairs and Malcolm Dougherty, Director of Caltrans. Lastly, I will participate in a conference call with Eric Sundquist and Gene Conti of State Smart Transportation. | |
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