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Metro Salutes Colonel Vincent E. Buggs

Metro salutes Colonel Promotable Vincent E. Buggs on the occasion of his promotion to Brigadier General. Due to our collaborative partnership while stationed here at Joint Forces Training Base in Los Alamitos, Colonel Buggs was instrumental in Metro being able to meet the 6% hiring goals and our Agency being recognized as a "PATRIOTIC EMPLOYER" for our support in the hiring of National Guard and Reserve Forces. Colonel Buggs is the nephew of Metro Director of Rail Operations Expo Line Michael Moore.

All Generals begin their careers at the most junior officer rank of second lieutenant or lieutenant junior grade, depending on the branch of service. To become an officer requires a four-year college degree and receiving a commission through one of the officer commissioning sources such as a military academy, ROTC scholarship, or Officer Candidate School.

Very few make it to Colonel and less than 2% of Colonels get to pin on a star. Individuals are required to attend Officer Basic Course for their branch, then the Officer Advanced Course in order to become eligible to make Captain. They will need Combined Arms & Service School to make Major; Command & General Staff School for Lieutenant Colonel; and finally the Army War College to become Colonel.

In addition, excellence in all that is expected of an Army Officer, primary leadership, with exemplary record of success at all levels of command and functional duties. A General's career will almost always reflect superb duty performance not only at all unit levels but also at the Pentagon, at the Combatant Commands, and in Joint (Multi-Service) assignment.

On behalf of Metro, I want to say congratulations to Colonel Vincent Buggs and his family on this huge accomplishment.



Near Zero Emission Buses Arrive at Metro

Last week, we were introduced to the first of 295 ordered 40-foot El Dorado buses equipped with Cummins near zero Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Engines. We expect delivery of production buses to be completed by the end of 2019. These Cummins engines have the lowest CNG emission levels on the market and these are the first CNG buses in the United States to feature all-electric accessory drives. A battery system will operate the Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC), electric power steering pump, and electric air compressor ultimately improving fuel economy by 5%. This electric-equipped bus approach will facilitate conversion from CNG to battery electric bus at mid-life. Additionally, there are USB charging ports for each passenger seat, wireless stop request buttons at each stanchion, wifi capabilities and electric operated self-leveling wheelchair ramps.



Rail Safety Ambassador Receives Certificate of Excellence

I would like to congratulate Metro Rail Safety Ambassador (RSA) Tony Bellmar of the Community Education department, who received an accolade for his efforts from Expo Line Division 14. Tony is posted at the east side of the Downtown Santa Monica station at 5th & Colorado because many people use that side (emergency exit only) as a station entrance or

exit. Tony explains to patrons why it is unsafe and informs them to use the correct exit. RSAs help promote and communicate Metro's "Safety First" message to pedestrians and Metro patrons on a daily basis. We appreciate their work and encourage exemplary work like that displayed by Tony.

Metro Community Education supports Operations, Corporate Safety and Law Enforcement by creating and maintaining a safety culture within communities along Metro's light rail alignments while promoting the three E's of rail safety: Engineering, Education, and Enforcement. As an integral part of Community Education safety outreach teams for Blue, Expo, Gold and the upcoming Crenshaw/LAX lines, RSAs are posted at critical locations along these lines to observe the safety behaviors and patterns of both pedestrians and vehicles and report back to our safety teams.



Procurement Postings

Customer Care Department Uniforms (RFP)

Metro released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure uniforms for the Customer Care Department. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday July, 27, 2018 through Monday, October 1, 2018.

Metro's Customer Care Department has four distinct groups which include Customer Information, TAP Information, Customer Relations, and Customer Programs and Services. Customer Care works directly with the public providing various services including disseminating route, schedule and fare information; smartcard and bike program services, gathering customer comments, fare media sales and reduced fare programs. Metro is seeking a qualified vendor to provide uniform services for eligible Metro employees. Uniforms shall be sold and distributed to approximately 190 represented employees.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Antwaun Boykin, Sr. Contract Administrator at (213) 922-1056.

Web Platform Development (RFP) - Small Business Prime

Metro released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure web platform development services. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday July, 27, 2018 through Monday, October 1, 2018.

Metro Communications is seeking proposals for expanding the Metro Web Platform. The platform includes web services, web applications, and interactive features that coordinate to build the content seen on metro.net, in the Go Metro Mobile Application, and on external sites and applications.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Antwaun Boykin, Sr. Contract Administrator at (213) 922-1056.

Friction Brake Disc Ansaodobreda P2550 Rail Car (IFB)

Metro will release an IFB to procure Friction Brake Disc Kit for the P2550 Ansaodobreda rail car. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Wednesday August 1, 2018 through Friday, September 28, 2018.

The Siemens P2550 Friction Brake Disc Kits are part of the braking system and is located under the light rail cars. The disc requires regular replacement due to continuous uses in revenue service.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Sherri Jackson, Sr. Manager at (213) 922-1025.

Friction Brake Nippon Sharyo P2020 Rail Car (IFB)

Metro will release an IFB to procure Friction Brake Disc Kit for the P2020 Nippon Sharyo rail car. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Thursday August 2, 2018 through Tuesday, October 2, 2018.

The Siemens P2020 Friction Brake Disc Kits are part of the braking system and is located under the light rail cars. The disc requires regular replacement due to continuous uses in revenue service.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Sherri Jackson, Sr. Manager at (213) 922-1025.

Voltage Regulator (IFB)

Metro released an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure Voltage Regulator. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Monday, July 23, 2018 through Monday, September 24, 2018.

This procurement is for the purchase of temperature sensing voltage regulators required to maintain the bus fleet and thus avoid disruption in service. 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 Juelene Close, Contract Administrator, at (213) 922-1066.

Air Dryer Assembly (IFB)

Metro released an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure Air Dryer Assembly. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Monday, July 23, 2018 through Monday, September 24, 2018.

This procurement is for the purchase of air dryer assemblies required to maintain the bus fleet and thus avoid disruption in service. 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 Juelene Close, Contract Administrator, at (213) 922-1066.

Center Truck Friction Brake Disc Siemens P2000 Rail Car (IFB)

Metro will release an IFB to procure the Center Truck Friction Brake Disc Kit for the P2000 Siemens rail car. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Friday August 3, 2018 through Tuesday, October 9, 2018.

The Siemens P2000 Center Truck Friction Brake Disc Kits are part of the braking system and is located under the light rail cars. The disc requires regular replacement due to continuous uses in revenue service.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Sherri Jackson, Sr. Manager at (213) 922-1025.

Construction Notices - Regional Connector, I-5

Regional Connector Transit Project: Weekend Closure of Flower St/6th St

Construction of the Regional Connector has reached the halfway mark, and crews can now start building the connection to the 7th St/Metro Center station in downtown L.A.'s Financial District. Beginning Saturday, July 7, a series of Flower St weekend closures will be in effect through October 22 in downtown LA's Financial District.

Caltrans Interstate 5: All construction updates [here](#).

"Even if you are on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there."

~ Will Rogers



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