

## Salt Lake City Recruiting Operators, Mechanics for 2002 Winter Olympics

(Feb. 29) Salt Lake City's Olympic Organizing Committee is looking for bus operators and mechanics who want to "drive for the gold" in 2002. The Committee is inviting operators and mechanics to spend their vacations working the XIX Winter Olympic Games.



Olympic officials distributed recruiting brochures to 70 transit agencies across the country and have received more than 600 applications from active and retired operators and mechanics. The Winter Games are scheduled Feb. 8 to 24, 2002. The Paralympic Winter Games are scheduled March 7 to 16, 2002.

### Competitive salary, light work

The Committee is promising transit workers "a competitive salary, convenient accommodations, round-trip airfare, a generous per-diem and souvenir insignia." Operators will have "light work schedules, short routes and no fare collection." Mechanics "will do only light maintenance (work) and tools will be provided."

Olympic officials are expecting to transport 1.6 million spectators and as many as 70,000 family and staff members between 20 venues and parking lots. Some 1,200 buses will be used to shuttle passengers during the two events.

For additional information about vacation jobs with the 2002 Winter Games, MTA division managers have a small supply of brochures. Employees also may call Wade Ashton, Winter Games "Drive for the Gold" Coordinator, at 801-212-2384. The Salt Lake City Committee also provides an on-line application on its Internet web site at **[www.slc2002.org/games](http://www.slc2002.org/games)**. Click on "Transportation" at the bottom of the home page to access the application. (This web site cannot be accessed from MTA computers.) Applicants will receive an acknowledgement postcard from the Organizing Committee.

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