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Senior Contract Administrator Barbara Gatewood helps a visitor to the Metro booth. Also staffing the booth were Contract Administration Manager Richard Bachman and Senior Contractor Administrator Vimol Katkaphan.



2,000 Business People Attend 14th Annual Vendor Fair

(April 18, 2006) Some 2,000 business people attended the 13th Annual Greater Los Angeles Vendor Fair, April 12, at the LA Convention Center. The event was co-sponsored by Metro and other public agencies.

"The Vendor Fair was well-attended this year," said Kelly Irving, one of the event coordinators. "We look forward to an outstanding 14th annual Fair next year."



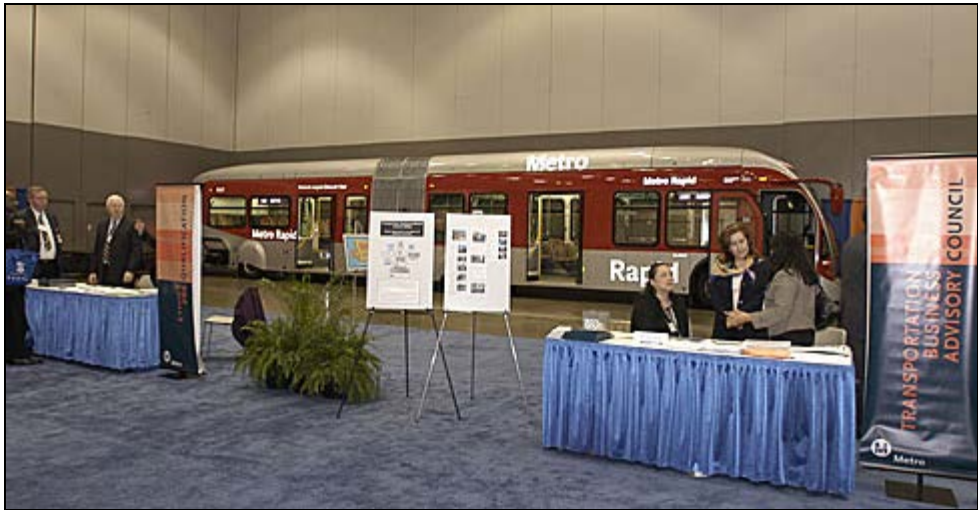
A visitor to Metro's booth receives information about contracting opportunities from Prabal Sanyal, a Diversity and Economic Opportunity representative.

Helping staff the Metro booth at the Vendor Fair were, from left, Senior Buyer Joanne Cummings, Contract Manager Al Mitchell and Senior Buyer Sherri Jackson, all of the Purchasing Department



Photos by Suji Lee

More than 1,100 also attended the luncheon to hear keynote speaker Pat Means, publisher of Turning Point magazine, speak on the theme, "Great Enterprises Require Great Leaders."



A Metro Rapid articulated bus was featured at Metro's "mega-booth" during the Vendor Fair, which drew some 2,000 business people.

The Vendor Fair is held each year to give business people an opportunity to make contacts with procurement personnel in the participating agencies and to receive information about contracting opportunities.

A major feature of the Fair's trade show was Metro's "mega-booth," staffed by employees from Procurement and Material Management, Management Audit's Pre-Qualifications unit, Diversity & Economic Opportunity, Ethics, Ride Share, Risk Management and other departments.

Co-sponsors of the event include Metro, the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, LA Unified School District, and the City and County of Los Angeles.



Contract Administration Manager Richard Bachman provides contracting information to a Metro booth visitor during the Vendor Fair.

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