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MTA TO PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL TELECONFERENCE ON VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

The Los Angeles County MTA will participate in a national satellite teleconference to discuss the transportation industry contribution to vocational education.

The event sponsored by the National Center for Research in Vocational Education will be broadcast live Wednesday, Oct. 12, from 1:30 to 2:30 EDT.

Naomi Nightingale, MTA's manager of the Career Development and Training Center will discuss the agency's job development and student training programs.

Nightingale who has worked for the agency since 1985 is responsible for administering four vocational programs: the MTA's Transportation Occupations, the Student Interns, the Summer Youth and the Transportation Careers Academy.

The MTA offers job training and job placement at the agency's Planning, Construction and Operations departments and also with MTA contractors. This year, the MTA and the Los Angeles Unified School District launched the Transportation Career Academies Program. Beginning in 1995, the program will offer courses in engineering, architecture, design and urban planning to students of three local high schools.

"The MTA's Career Development and Training Center is an excellent example of the role the industry plays in helping students develop skills for interesting and rewarding employment opportunities in the future," said Franklin White, MTA chief executive officer.

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