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ARTHUR KIMBALL NAMED MTA EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PROCUREMENT AND DISTRIBUTION

Arthur Kimball, who brings to the MTA more than 36 years of professional and managerial procurement experience in the transportation industry, has been named as the agency's executive officer, procurement and distribution.

Kimball has been the deputy executive officer, materiel, since joining the MTA in 1995. In his new position, he will oversee all procurement actions for the agency as well as manage the materiel function, announced MTA Chief Executive Officer Linda Bohlinger. Previously, the agency had two procurement units.

"Unifying all procurement activities under a single authority reporting directly to the CEO will ensure accountability and the performance of all actions for effective contracting," said Bohlinger. "Art has superior organizational skills and will spearhead the consolidation of departments to ensure contractors receive fair, impartial and equitable treatment."

Prior to joining the MTA, Kimball held senior management and executive level positions at the Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART) and the New York City Transportation Authority. He also was the managing director of purchasing for Pan American World Airways.

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Kimball received his bachelor of arts degree from Queens College, City University of New York. He was a 1986 recipient of the "Outstanding Leadership" award from the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME).

He and his wife Betty live in Chatsworth.

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