



BUY AMERICA TRANSIT SUPPLY CHAIN CONNECTIVITY FORUM

A special event to connect transit OEMs and manufacturers interested in becoming suppliers to support a broader transportation supply base in the U.S.

May 7, 2014
8 am to 5 PM
Kansas City Convention Center
301 W 13th Ste.100 | Kansas City | MO
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The Forum is designed to bring large transit OEMs and Tier 1 Suppliers together with smaller, capable and interested U.S. manufacturers in an effort to facilitate the use of a higher percentage of domestic suppliers in transit products and systems. The Forum will provide a venue for smaller manufacturers to learn what products are needed and find out more about investments they need to consider when entering the transit industry. Key stakeholders that will participate include:

- Government agencies (U.S. DOT, state transportation, and local economic development agencies) that will be the public investors in the procurement and operation of transit equipment;
- Large Transit OEMs and Tier 1 Suppliers that will be delivering next generation transit equipment for service in the U.S.;
- All size U.S. manufacturers who can potentially be suppliers, including manufacturers who currently supply to the transit industry, as well as those that do not, but could; and
- The DOC/NIST Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) – a federal/state/private partnership operating in all 50 states that will serve to connect U.S. manufacturers with supply opportunities, and provide assistance to manufacturers as appropriate.

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) and U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC) recently formed a partnership to leverage agency capabilities to ensure the development of a more robust domestic transit supply base.

The objective of the Buy America Transit Supply Chain Connectivity Forums is to attract U.S. manufacturers to the supply base for next generation transportation equipment being procured in the U.S. The Forum will facilitate connections between transit industry OEMs and manufacturers that are capable and interested in supplying to the public transit sector.

This Forum represents an opportunity for manufacturers with capabilities that are potentially relevant in transit to grow and diversify into this emerging market.

TRANSIT SUPPLY CHAIN CONNECTIVITY FORUM PARTNERS



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National Institute of Standards and Technology's (NIST) Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) works with small and mid-sized U.S. manufacturers to create and retain jobs, increase profits, save time and money, develop new customers, and expand into new markets. Founded in 1988, the nationwide network consists of more than 1,200 technical experts located in every state working to transform U.S. manufacturers to compete globally, support supply chain integration, and provide access to technology for improved productivity.
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EVENT AGENDA

- 8:00a Registration & Continental Breakfast
- 8:30a Welcome Remarks & Forum Introduction
- 8:40a US Department of Transportation Keynote & Buy America Overview
- 9:25a Q&A
- 9:40a OEM Panel
- 10:25a Q&A
- 10:40a Break
- 11:00a Supplier Panel
- 11:30a Q&A
- 11:45a Lunch
- 1:00p MEP Assistance Opportunities and Available Resources
- 1:30p Open Discussion
- 2:00p Closing Remarks
- 2:15p One-on-One Meetings and Networking Reception
- 5:00 Conclude

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