



U.S. Department of Transportation
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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.

October 11, 2017

8am to 5pm

Georgia World Congress Center
285 Andrew Young International Blvd. NW
Atlanta, GA

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



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 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 and Puerto Rico that serve to connect U.S. manufacturers with supply chain opportunities, and provide assistance to manufacturers as appropriate.

EVENT AGENDA

- 8:00am** Registration & Continental Breakfast
- 8:30am** Welcome Remarks & Forum Intro
- 9:00am** U.S. DOT FTA Keynote & Overview
- 9:30am** Q&A
- 9:45am** Break
- 10:00am** OEM Panel Discussion
- 11:15am** Q&A
- 11:30am** Supplier Panel Discussion
- 12:00pm** Q&A
- 12:15pm** Lunch
- 1:00pm** MEP Assistance Opportunities and Resources
- 1:30pm** Open Discussion: Transit Supply Issues and Opportunities
- 1:45pm** Intro to One-on-One Meetings and Closing Discussion
- 2:05pm** Transition to One-on-One Meetings
- 2:15pm** Networking Reception Concurrent with One-on-One Meetings
- 5:00pm** Adjourn

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