



APTREX INSTITUTE

*American Public Transit Exams Institute
Professional Certification for the Transportation Industry*

News Release

For Release: IMMEDIATELY

Contact: Jenny Fang

Date: January 14, 2002 (revised)

Phone: 604-632-9905

Transit Certifications Earned at Houston Metro

VANCOUVER, BC - Nine (9) Houston Metro Transit supervisory staff earned the designation of CTFMsm - Certified Transit First Line Manager. The announcement came January 8th after the ITCRB - International Transit Certification Review Board reviewed the results of the testing process and approved (9) transit certifications.

Houston Metro's President/CEO, Shirley DeLibero has always been recognized for her leadership within the transit industry – where developing her staff encourages teamwork and success, especially for Metro customers. Jeffrey Arndt, Chief Operating Officer of Metro stated, “In addition to allowing us to recognize some exemplary front-line supervisors, the result details provided by the APTREX Institute have enabled us to identify ways to enhance our supervisory training program.”

The President of the APTREX Institute, David Stumpo said, "The momentum is building strong for transit standards in education and development of our managerial and supervisory workforce. We continue to be excited about the positive feedback we are getting about transit certifications. Houston Metro has shown their dedication to workforce initiatives and we applaud Shirley DeLibero for her commitment to improve our Industry.”

The APTREX Institute was developed in 1993 as an “arms-length” organization for the implementation of certification testing for supervisory and management personnel, and included in the strategic goals for FY2002, we will be introducing the CTBMsm - Certified Transit Board Member.

Dave says, “The Institute has all the right qualities that our transit industry has been begging for in education and development. The Institute is dedication and committed to improve the industry and the people that make it work. Certification means quality and commitment and is setting the standard for our industry to achieve excellence.”

The Institute has conducted many years of research on the subject. The standards that influence organizational goals are believed to evolve around three main efforts that must take place to have a successful long-term affect on employee development programs. They are: Assessment, Training and Certification. The APTREX certification process is built around those three principles.

For further information about the APTREX Institute, please visit our website at www.aptrex.com or contact us at 604-632-9905.

- 30 -