BUS AND RAIL SUPPLY CHAIN CONNECTIVITY FORUM ANNOUNCED

Rolla, Missouri, April 1, 2014 – Small- and medium-size manufacturers who would like to connect with public transit Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) and become part of a growing, robust industry’s domestic supply chain are invited to attend a one-day Buy America Transit Supply Chain Connectivity Forum.

The Forum, to be held from 8 AM – 5 PM on May 7, 2014 at the Downtown Marriott and Convention Center in Kansas City, is being sponsored by the National Institute of Standards and Technology Manufacturing Extension Partnership (NIST MEP), the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and Missouri Enterprise, the NIST MEP center in Missouri.

“Our objective is to bring large transit OEMs together with small- and medium-size manufacturers that are both traditional and non-traditional public transit suppliers, said Dusty Cruise, Missouri Enterprise President.

We want to enable public transit OEMs to build a more robust domestic supply base and meet the Buy America provisions associated with FTA funded projects, he said.

The day-long event will include presentations by FTA officials and panel discussions with public transit OEMs and companies currently in their supply chains as well as opportunities for networking.

At the Forum, participants will be able to sign up for short, private meetings with OEMs that are in attendance (7-10 OEMs are anticipated to attend). These meetings are not intended to be deal negotiation meetings, but rather private introductory meetings to discuss the basics of participating in OEM supply chains.

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Cost of the Forum, which includes lunch, is $25. For more information or to register, visit the www.missourienterprise.org (click on Seminars and Events) or contact Scott Brady at sbrady@missourienterprise.or or at 816-392-0730.