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San Mateo County Transit District Managers Awarded Transit Certifications

VANCOUVER, BC - The APTREX Institute announced on December 16, 2001, that the ITCRB - International Transit Certification Review Board has approved (17) transit certifications for the managerial staff at San Mateo County Transit District in San Carlos, California.

The President of the APTREX Institute, David Stumpo said, "Our programs were designed to boost our industry's workforce by showing the importance of caring about our people. We are very excited that SamTrans is so positive about the program. Our future is so dependent on quality in our management team, that results like these are very positive. It all equates to better service for customers and a better work environment for our employees."

The APTREX Institute was developed in 1993 as an "arms-length" organization for the implementation of certification testing for supervisory and management personnel. Dave states, "The Institute has all the right qualities that our transit industry has been begging for in education and training. The Institute is dedication and committed to improve the industry and the people that make it work. Our process links very well with the transportation industry's workforce development and retention initiatives. Certifications are prevalent in so many other industries except ours. It is time to look into the future and help grow our industry. Certification means quality and commitment and is setting the standard for our industry to achieve excellence."

The Institute has conducted research for many years. 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.

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