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Denver Manager Awarded Transit Certification

The APTREX Institute Board announced its recent Certified Manager

Vancouver, BC -- The International Transit Certification Review Board (ITCRB) announced today that Mr. Manuel Herrera III from the Denver Regional Transportation District was awarded the designation of CTDM - Certified Transit Department Manager.

Mr. Herrera is a senior manager in the Human Resources Department for RTD and has worked for RTD-Denver since 1997. Prior to working in there, Mr. Herrera was the Chief Financial Officer and Director of Administration for the San Joaquin Regional Transportation District.

The APTREX Institute was developed in 1993 as an "arms-length" organization for the implementation of certification testing for supervisory and management personnel. David Stumpo, Board Chair says, "The Institute's 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 will be the standard for our industry."

The certification process includes a detailed review of the candidate and a comprehensive exam. Comments received about Mr. Herrera during the process included, "Manny has an ability to always strive to improve his work product and instill a quality consciousness in his staff." and "He is dedicated to the highest degree of professionalism for the transit industry."

Mr. Herrera has received his certification for a three-year period, at which time he would be required to maintain (10) continuing educational units (CEU's/AEU's) in classroom training and retest in order to keep his certification active. Stumpo says, "Seeing people achieve certification is a wonderful experience."

The ITCRB Board is the accreditation body that ensures integrity of the testing process and oversees the research and development of the Institute's transportation certifications.

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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