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Managers Awarded Transit Certifications at MARTA

VANCOUVER, BC - The APTREX Institute announced today that the ITCRB - International Transit Certification Review Board has approved (14) transit certifications for the managerial staff at MARTA in Atlanta Georgia.

David Stumpo, President of the APTREX Institute stated, "We are excited that MARTA has taken the program forward. This also includes a boost to the workforce initiatives currently in process within our industry. But most important, MARTA has demonstrated that it cares about their employees and preparing them for the future in managing our transit systems."

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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