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## COTA President Ron Barnes Earns CTEM designation

POINT ROBERTS, WA - The President and CEO from the Central Ohio Transit Authority, Ron Barnes, was awarded the Certified Transit Executive Manager (CTEM) designation.



COTA President and CEO Ronald L. Barnes, is very well known as a leader in the transit industry. Receiving the Certified Transit Executive Manager (CTEM) designation, shows his drive toward excellence in everything he does. He has been quoted when it comes to raising public confidence and his mantra for transit in Columbus is, "Whoever needs a ride, gets a ride in our community." Mr. Barnes' leadership begins with employees, but it certainly doesn't stop there. Mr. Barnes has been changing the way Columbus thinks about transit.

APTREX Institute CEO, David Stumpo said, "Mr. Barnes is a model transit executive. He is an example of making a dream come true from working through the ranks of transit, learning everyday and challenging himself and his employees to achieve results. We continue to be excited about the excellent feedback we receive and congratulate Mr. Barnes for his achievement."

The elements of transit certification were built upon a standard from years of research and development within our industry. These results focus on positive development for our workforce and improvement for our customers. In addition, COTA has shown their dedication to their workforce initiatives and we applaud Mr. Barnes for his efforts to improve his work force, himself and 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. The Institute is also conducting onsite testing at the upcoming APTA Conference. Applicants should submit certification application by August 28<sup>th</sup> to be scheduled for testing in Las Vegas.

**APTA EXPO and Annual Conference – September 23<sup>rd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> – Las Vegas, NV**  
(Visit us at Booth #7531)

Dave says, "The Institute has all the right qualities that our transit industry has been wanting in standards for education and staff development. The Institute is dedication to improve our industry and the people that make it work. Look for our new educational product called, "**TranSMART 101™**" – an exciting learning game for the transit industry."

Certification means a knowledgeable, dedicated, focused and committed staff. This sets the standard for our industry to achieve excellence. For further information about the APTREX Institute, please visit our website at [www.aptrex.com](http://www.aptrex.com) or contact us at 360-945-2150.