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**CTA to Host Second Job Fair for Upcoming Red Line South Track Renewal Project**

*Agency Seeking Applicants for Part-Time Bus Operator Positions*

The Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) will host the second of three job fairs, intended to assist individuals interested in career opportunities as part-time bus operators (PTBOs) related to the 2013 Red Line South track renewal project, on Tuesday, August 28, 2012. The event will be held at the National Teachers Academy, 55 W. Cermak Road, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. The first job fair, held last month, attracted nearly 2,400 jobseekers.

CTA expects to hire as many as 400 part-time bus operators during the project, which begins in May 2013; once hired, these bus operators will have permanent positions at CTA and will remain a part of the CTA workforce when the track renewal project ends in fall 2013.

The purpose of the community job fairs, all of which are being held on Chicago's South Side, is to seek applicants for PTBOs whose work will involve driving shuttle buses and operating buses that are part of CTA's expanded supplemental service during the Red Line South project.

"We are pleased to host another CTA job fair following the extraordinary turnout at our first event in July," said Chicago Transit Board Chairman Terry Peterson. "The response to this hiring initiative has been encouraging and we look forward to successful applicants joining the CTA family of employees. They will be indispensable as we serve our customers during the Red Line South project."

The fairs also provide information about the skills and training needed to become a bus operator, including the need for a Class "B" Commercial Driver's License and about the CTA's hiring process in general.

The final job fair will be held on Saturday, September 15, 2012, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m., at Kennedy-King College, 6301 S. Halsted Street, Chicago, Illinois.