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Metrolinx announces Big Purchase of Buses

TORONTO (December 17, 2008) – Metrolinx, together with twelve municipalities, has just made the largest collective bus purchase in Ontario’s history. New Flyer Industries Canada ULC and City View Bus Sales are projected to build and supply up to 160 buses.

“In the current economic climate, these newly-awarded contracts will support our economy by protecting Canadian manufacturing jobs,” said Rob MacIsaac, Chair of Metrolinx.

“Getting more people onto transit will reduce pollution and congestion. I am pleased that Metrolinx has spearheaded the purchase of technologically advanced buses for small and medium municipalities,” said Transportation Minister Jim Bradley. “Municipalities can decrease operating costs and improve service reliability, making transit a more attractive choice for their residents.”

The twelve participating municipalities are: Barrie, Burlington, Cobourg, Durham Region, Elliot Lake, Hamilton, London, Milton, North Bay, Sarnia, St. Catharines and York Region.

Metrolinx facilitated a joint transit procurement initiative with its partners using common vehicle specifications and consolidating bus orders which could be valued at up to \$70 million.

“By working collaboratively, we can obtain lower prices and reduced administrative costs associated with the procurement process. We are helping municipalities leverage government funding to invest in transit vehicles and thus improve transit service,” MacIsaac continued. “It also allows us to consider factors such as environmental performance, fuel economy and advanced technology in a consistent and cost-effective way.”

This is the first procurement of transit vehicles complying with the provincial Canadian content policy.

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