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SECTION 305 SUB COMMITTEE

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To: Distribution

Department: Mechanical

Subject: Next Generation Corridor Equipment Committee

Message:

As you may be aware, Amtrak has been charged under Section 305 of the Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2008 (PRIIA) with the creation of a committee to develop the requirements for the next generation of US passenger rail equipment for corridor services. This committee has now been formed. As part of the work of this committee, a technical sub-committee is being created to deal with issues around the technical nature of the vehicles, the specification for those vehicles and how they would be acquired.

The initial goals that have been set for the technical subcommittee include the following items:

- Creation of a specification for bi-level coach cars for corridor service
- Creation of a specification for single level coach cars for corridor service
- Creation of a specification for high speed diesel passenger locomotives for corridor service

To achieve these requirements, the subcommittee will be reviewing the details of the service requirements, how this is translated into a specification that can be taken to market, what maintenance philosophy and approach will be taken and how this can be moved from a requirement through the acquisition process to a fleet of vehicles in service.

It is desired to have a broad range of industry input to this process to assist the core committee members of the FRA, Amtrak and State representatives in moving forward swiftly. Therefore, I am writing to you to understand what interest your organization has in taking part in the technical sub-committee. In addition, if you believe that other industry members might be able to contribute usefully to this process, please feel free to forward this letter to them.

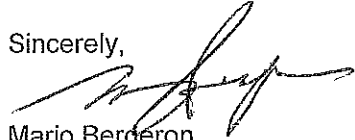
With the launch of the work of the technical subcommittee, there is going to be an intensive schedule of work. It is anticipated that, initially, the subcommittee will meet once a month either by teleconference or in person. There will, of course, be further meetings of sub-groups between these main meetings as required. All participants who volunteer to take part in the subcommittee should do so on the understanding that they are there to contribute to the work of the subcommittee. Updates on the progress will be provided on the Section 305 website which is at www.highspeed-rail.org/pages/Section305Committee.aspx. If you wish to only remain abreast of developments, please monitor this site for updates.

If you have an interest, please visit the above website where you will find a copy of the bylaws of the committee and the minutes of the opening meeting of the Executive Committee so that you can understand the framework in which we are operating. I would ask that, in participating in this process, you select individual(s) to represent your interest as a whole and to minimize the number of participants in order that we can keep the whole process manageable.

As Amtrak's Chief Mechanical Officer, I have been charged with establishing the technical sub-committee. Please respond to me with your interest by using the attached form and include your point of contact details for all committee work. Responses are requested to be returned by March 26th, 2010.

Many thanks and I look forward to working with your organization.

Sincerely,



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