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Local Bus Operator Among Best in North America

ANTIOCH, CA, May 8, 2008 – Tri Delta Transit bus operator, Gilbert Castro, was named one of the three best drivers in North America at the 2008 International Bus Roadeo held in May in Austin, Texas. Placing third overall at this year's competition, Gilbert is no newcomer to this elite status. He was the first place winner back in 2003 as part of the overall International Grand Champion team from Tri Delta Transit.

In the United States, there are thousands of public transportation operators. While all provide excellent service, only a few are selected as the best as determined by an intense day of serious competition— the American Public Transportation Association International Bus "Roadeo."

This year, seventy-six bus operators from both the United States and Canada competed in the 40-foot bus competition, a test of bus operators' driving skills. "To do this well against so many of the best drivers in the country is a real accomplishment," said Tri Delta Transit CEO, Jeanne Krieg. "Gilbert is one of many great drivers we have operating our buses everyday and we're thrilled about his success at this year's competition."

The Roadeo has two categories: a bus driver competition and a maintenance competition.

The drivers' competition measures professional skills including bus operation as well as safety. The maintenance competition judges mechanics' abilities to trouble shoot a variety of maintenance issues from air brakes to diesel engine defects.

So next time you're on a Tri Delta Transit bus, take care knowing you're being served by one of the best

operators in the country.

Tri Delta Transit provides over 2,500,000 trips each year to a population of nearly 250,000 residents in the 225 square miles of Eastern Contra Costa County. Tri Delta Transit operates 15 local bus routes Monday – Friday, 3 local bus routes on weekends, express commuter service to Martinez, Livermore, Dublin and Pleasanton, door-to-door bus service for senior citizens and people with disabilities, a 49ers luxury shuttle to every home game and numerous free shuttle services for community events.

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