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## **RGRTA Bus Operators to Showcase Skills at Annual Bus Rodeo**

*Winner will have chance to continue RGRTA's success at State and International levels*

Bus Operators representing RTS, Lift Line and seven regional subsidiaries will compete in the annual Rochester Genesee Regional Transportation Authority (RGRTA) Bus Rodeo, on Saturday, June 21, beginning at 8:30 a.m. in Lot G at Monroe Community College. The event features skilled drivers in a competition that tests their ability to maneuver buses as large as 40-foot and weighing 14 tons. Operators must sharply perform 15 driving maneuvers within 7 minutes or risk losing points. The marked course simulates various situations encountered on the road. A second competition is held concurrently for the smaller Lift Line and regional subsidiaries' buses.

Transit organizations throughout the United States and Canada stage annual rodeos, with local, state and international contests. The RGRTA competition will include drivers who have won at both the state and international levels. RTS Operator Richard Bastedo is a former International Rodeo winner, and Maurice Hebert won the 2012 state competition, held at the State Fairgrounds in Syracuse. This year's winner will have the opportunity to compete in the state competition, scheduled to take place in September in Albany, and the 2015 International competition, next May. To learn more about International Bus Rodeo, please visit the American Public Transportation Association's Website at <http://www.apta.com/mc/busroadeo/>.

**Editor's Note:** The best opportunity for video/photos is 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

The Rodeo is not a public event but media is welcome. (It coincides with RGRTA's annual Family Fun Day at the same time and place.)

### **About RGRTA**

*Rochester Genesee Regional Transportation Authority provides public bus transportation in Monroe, Genesee, Livingston, Orleans, Seneca, Wayne, and Wyoming counties. Orleans County*

*also will join RGRTA as of Aug. 1, 2014. Recognized as one of the best-run transit systems in the nation, our 840+ employees proudly enjoy serving our customers who count on us for more than 18.5 million rides each year. A public benefit entity and one of four regional transportation authorities in New York State, RGRTA is governed by 13 appointed commissioners who represent the City of Rochester, County of Monroe, and the surrounding counties in which RGRTA provides services. For more information, visit [www.rgrta.com](http://www.rgrta.com).*

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