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

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

Bus Operators representing RTS, Lift Line and six regional partners will compete in the annual Rochester Genesee Regional Transportation Authority (RGRTA) Bus Roadeo, tomorrow, beginning at 9:00 a.m., at Monroe Community College. The event features skilled drivers in a timed competition that tests their ability to maneuver buses as large as 40-feet and weighing 14 tons. They will navigate a course marked with traffic cones, simulating various situations encountered on the road. A second competition is held concurrently for the smaller Lift Line and regional buses.

Transit organizations throughout the United States and Canada stage annual roadeos, 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 Roadeo winner, and Maurice Hebert won the 2012 state competition, held at the State Fairgrounds in Syracuse. Hebert recently competed in the 2013 International Bus Roadeo Contest, held in May in Indianapolis, IN. This year's winner will have the opportunity to compete in the state competition, scheduled to take place in September in Long Island, and the 2014 International competition, next May in Kansas City, MO.

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

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