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Governor Announces Subway Car Purchase Agreement

Governor George E. Pataki announced today that the Board of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority approved the unprecedented purchase of 1,080 subway cars for use on the IRT lines.

The subway cars will be built by two well-established New York State companies. The MTA authorized the terms of the contracts for the purchase of 680 cars from Bombardier, Plattsburgh, and 400 cars from Kawasaki, Yonkers. The original purchase order was for 740 cars, but because of the intense competition between the firms, the MTA was able to negotiate the additional 340 cars for the same price. Governor Pataki noted, "These contracts mean we can retain and create hundreds of jobs in New York-based manufacturing plants, ensuring that these hardworking New Yorkers can share in our economic renewal."

"This is a victory for the workers at the Kawasaki plant in Yonkers and Bombardier's facility in Plattsburgh - and it sends a clear message that New York's work force can once again compete with anyone, anywhere in the world," the Governor added.

E. Virgil Conway, Chairman of the MTA said, "The MTA is very pleased with this agreement. The competitive bidding process has enabled us to make the largest car procurement ever in the history of the MTA."

Funding for the contract is dependent on the MTA's new multi-year Capital Plan, which is currently awaiting approval by the New York State legislature. The total budget for the new car purchase is \$1.45 billion. This procurement follows nearly three years of testing different design and car components of "new technology trains" that are now running on MTA New York City Transit's A and No. 2 lines. The new fleet's design will be based on the results of these tests.