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MTA to Purchase 120 New Buses

Mix of 40-foot and 60-foot Buses will Improve Service and Reliability

As part of the ongoing effort to modernize the nation's largest municipal bus fleet, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) is seeking Board approval next week to award federally funded contracts to bus manufacturer New Flyer of America (New Flyer) for the delivery of 120 new low-floor transit buses, to be used by MTA Bus Company. The award consists of two contracts for 75 low floor 60-foot articulated diesel buses and 45 low floor 40-foot diesel buses.

This will be the first time that low-floor articulated equipment will be used on MTA Bus Company routes. Low-floor bus design makes it easier and faster for customers to board and exit, both speeding service and eliminating the need for customers to negotiate steps. Customers who must use wheelchairs also find low-floor buses to be more convenient as they utilize a front-door ramp rather than a rear-door lift.

"These new buses will be a real benefit for our customers who will find them more comfortable and convenient than older models," said Darryl Irick, President of MTA Bus Company.

The combined total award to New Flyer is \$80,072,520. The price per bus for the 40-foot bus is \$496,267 and the contract includes special tools, manuals, training and spare parts for a total contract amount of \$22,737,553. The price per bus for the 60-foot bus is \$755,074 and also includes special tools, testing, manuals, training and spare parts for a total contract amount of \$57,334,968.

The delivery of the low floor 40-foot diesel production buses is scheduled to begin in June 2015 and be completed in September 2015. The delivery of the low floor 60-foot articulated diesel production buses is scheduled to begin in October 2015 and be completed in June of the following year.

This contract is subject to the review and approval of the Office of the New York State Comptroller (OSC) and the contract award will not be made prior to this approval.