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Delaware Transit – DART First State Receives Top Transit Fleet User Award at the 2012 BusCon Expo & Conference in Chicago

Delaware Transit Corporation – DART First State (DTC) was honored on Wednesday, September 12, at the BusCon Expo at the Chicago Navy Pier Festival Hall by the Mid-Sized Bus Manufacturers Association. DTC was one of ten transit agencies named as winners of this year's top transit fleet users of 35-feet and under buses.

DTC Maintenance Engineering and Technology Manager, Rick Walters, accepted the award on behalf of the Delaware Transit Corporation. The award was presented to DTC by John Resnik of the Mid-Sized Bus Manufacturers Association. The program ended with a keynote presentation by Michael Melaniphy, President and Chief Executive Officer for the American Public Transportation Association (APTA), giving an overview of the state of public transportation while focusing on the role buses play and hot button issues such as ridership and technology.

DTC Executive Director Lauren Skiver commented on the award saying, "DTC is please and honored to receive this national top fleet award. The award evidences DTC's goal and commitment to provide the best in transit services as we work even harder in the future so that our riders enjoy a more modern and technology-driven bus ride throughout Delaware."



DART First State is Delaware's bus, train, and intermodal transportation provider. The Delaware Transit Corporation, a subsidiary of the Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT), operates DART First State. DART First State services include contracted SEPTA commuter trains, intercounty bus, fixed route bus, Paratransit, seasonal resort bus, commuter assistance, Operation Lifesaver rail crossing safety programs, and the RideShare Delaware ridematching program. For public information please call 1-800-652-DART or visit the web at <u>www.DartFirstState.com</u>. For media inquiries, please call DART Marketing at 302-576-6003 or 302-576-6005.

