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Dear Friends and Colleagues:

We are pleased to announce that the CalACT/MBTA Vehicle Purchasing Cooperative extended Notices of Award today to the proposers to our RFP for Accessible Paratransit vehicles.

Your agency may now select from a menu of vehicle choices for most of the vehicle types you have been accustomed to purchasing from the state bid. CalACT Class A (Ford E350/GMC 3500), Class B and C (Ford E450/GMC4500) cutaways, Class D minivans and new vehicle types that were previously unavailable such as Altoona tested hybrid and CNG vehicles. CalTrans has approved our bid documents for compliance with federal statutes and regulations applicable to all third party contracts. This correspondence is available to your agency upon request.

The CalACT website will shortly be updated to display brands and models available from Braun, Champion, Eldorado, Elkhart Coach, Glaval, Goshen, StarCraft and Supreme from AZ-Bus Sales, BusWest and Creative Bus Sales. After analyzing the proposals, we were gratified to receive proposals that we believe were very competitive with pricing obtained from the state bid and other known procurements.

As our procurement activities continue, additional manufacturers and vehicle types such as low floor buses will become available shortly. As well, we expect bus shelters to be available from the CalACT bid as early as next week.

It is hoped that you believe in the values of choice and fair competition that we believe is promoted by this procurement and show your support by participating in our Cooperative. Please contact Jacklyn Montgomery at CalACT or your preferred bus dealer to purchase vehicles through our efforts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Meer", is positioned below the "Sincerely," text.

Joe Meer
General Manager, MBTA