

press release

Tampa Mayor Pam Iorio's Former Mass Transit Appointee Forms Transportation Consulting and Management Firm

McCloud Transportation & Associates' target market includes public transit agencies, U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration, county and municipal entities

Tampa, FL. - A former City of Tampa mass transit executive who is the city's first Mass Transit Manager, has teamed up with movers and shakers in the industry to form a transportation consulting, operations planning and transportation management firm, effective October 1, 2009. The company specializes in helping transit agencies throughout the U.S., state departments of transportation, and other local governmental entities maximize the billions of dollars available for transportation projects through the federal economic stimulus bill, and the infusion of billions of dollars more under the new transportation reauthorization bill.

Elaine McCloud, President and CEO of McCloud Transportation & Associates, LLC also aims to help transit agencies maximize their operating efficiency and comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) by conducting compliance assessments, sensitivity training, policy analyses, performance audits, and fixed-route, paratransit and rail accessibility reviews. "Our principals and associates have over 100 years of proven, results-oriented experience in the mass transit industry; both public and private sector," said McCloud, who has 30 years of mass transit leadership experience at the senior executive level. Prior to coming to Tampa, she was a member of the Chicago Transit Authority's (CTA) executive team. The CTA is the second largest transit system in North America with its 2,200 buses, 1,190 rail cars and almost 2 million riders daily. It is one of the few cities that operate rail to 2 major airports; O'Hare and Midway.

She also served as General Manager for ATC/Vancom overseeing Detroit Department of Transportation's paratransit operation, and served for 18 years in various leadership positions at Birmingham-Jefferson County Transit Authority.

McCloud Transportation & Associates brings extensive expertise to help the mass transit industry with solutions to complex mobility issues. In addition to public transit agencies throughout the U.S., the company's target market also includes the U.S. Department of Transportation, the Federal Transit Administration, the Federal Railroad Administration, and shuttle operators.

"The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) is creating enormous opportunities for shovel-ready projects and transit agencies need help in fast-tracking the implementation of these projects with the assistance of industry experts," McCloud Transportation & Associates said. The firm is a Certified Woman-owned Minority Business Enterprise, and is registered with Dun & Bradstreet and Central Contractor Registry.

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