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**Veolia Transportation Gets Renewal Nod from Redding Area Bus Authority**

Chicago, IL – Veolia President Mike Griffus announced earlier this month that the Redding Area Bus Authority (RABA) officially awarded Veolia a three-year contract with (two) two-year extension options for both fixed route and paratransit service.

Veolia began operating RABA service in July 1997. Under the current contract they operate both Paratransit and Fixed Route service, covering 100 square miles which includes Shasta Lake City, and the cities of Redding and Anderson. There will be major revisions to the system beginning July 30<sup>th</sup> when new routes will be added and additional service will be provided to Shasta College. To accommodate increased service two new maintenance bays will be added to the existing facility, one of which will be dedicated to the Paratransit service.

In making the announcement Griffus said, “Our local staff in Redding has worked hard over the years to ensure that we provide top-quality service. Thanks to the RABA staff’s support we have been able to both improve transportation and be involved in the community. We are grateful for their continuing trust in us.”

In addition to providing consistently good service, Veolia has a history of partnering with RABA in community-oriented programs. General Manager Hallie Fonseca said, “We are committed to community involvement. In the fall of each year we hold food drives for multiple charities. Via our educational outreach programs, we send our training staff and vehicles to schools and teach students how to navigate our bus system.”

In 2001, the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) presented RABA with the APTA Outstanding Public Transportation Systems award.

Redding is located less than three hours north of Sacramento in view of Mount Shasta and Shasta Lake.

**About Veolia**

Veolia Transportation is the largest private operator of bus, rail, paratransit, shuttle and taxi businesses in North America. The company has over 16,000 employees and operates some 200 contracts for cities in the U.S.

Veolia Transportation also owns SuperShuttle, America's leading airport shuttle service.

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