



STATE OF ALABAMA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



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State Superintendent of Education

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MEMORANDUM

TO: City and County Superintendents of Education
FROM: Warren Craig Pouncey, Chief of Staff
SUBJECT: Southeastern States Pupil Transportation Conference 2014

The 64th annual Southeastern States Pupil Transportation Conference (SESPTC) will be held at the Hilton Daytona Beach Resort in Daytona, Florida on June 29-July 2, 2014. The SESPTC annually draws its board of directors and invited delegates exclusively from fourteen member states. This conference is the oldest and one of the most prestigious regional conferences concerning school transportation in the nation. Since its inception in 1951, SESPTC participants consistently have been at the forefront of promoting safe and efficient transportation of students. The SESPTC was last hosted by Alabama in 2013. An added attraction for this year's conference is that the SESPTC and the Florida association for Pupil Transportation (FAPT) will hold meetings jointly.

Each SESPTC includes presentations about a number of important transportation topics. The program for 2014 will be no exception. Session topics for 2014 will include updates from federal agencies; reports from national student transportation associations; new school bus technologies and designs; rules and methods for transporting students with disabilities; transportation safety and security; student management; media management; and much more. As in the past, break-out sessions will be offered for delegates. In addition, many special events are also planned in association with this event. Two very special parts of the conference are the trade show and the opportunity for delegates to interact with other state and local transportation officials from throughout the southeastern states.

Alabama has strongly supported this conference for many years through its participation and service in leadership positions. SESPTC is, without a doubt, one of the best training sessions offered for local transportation supervisors. Attendance is by invitation only and delegates are selected from each state through the state director's office. Thanks to the support of industry sponsors and exhibitors, the cost of attending this conference remains among the lowest for a regional conference and training with delegate registration set at \$150, which includes almost all meals. Alabama's delegation is typically one of the largest. Again this year, we are hoping for a large contingent of delegates and encourage your participation.

If you would like to serve as a delegate for this conference, please complete the information below and fax it to Mrs. Jennifer Luster at 334-353-7953 no later than February 28, 2014. If preferred, send the information via e-mail to Jennifer at jenna@alsde.edu. Delegates will be selected from those responding and notifications will be sent by March 7, 2014. Invitations will be sent to the selected delegates by the SESPTC. If interested, I encourage you to return this form as soon as possible. Typically, there are more requests than there are delegate positions available.

If you have questions, please contact Mr. Joe Lightsey at 334-242-9730. Thank you for your continued support of this excellent training opportunity.

WCP/JL/JL

cc: City and County Transportation Supervisors
Mr. Joe Lightsey

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SESPTC Delegate Request Form 2014

Name: _____
School System: _____
Address: _____
Phone Number: _____
Signature: _____
E-mail Address: _____

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