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DRPT & VRE's Rail Industry Day Goes Virtual

~ Event Offers Opportunity for Contractors to Learn about Upcoming Projects and Procurements ~

Alexandria, Va. – The Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation ([DRPT](#)) and Virginia Railway Express ([VRE](#)) will host a [Virtual Rail Industry Day](#) on Wednesday, February 24, 2021, from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. DRPT and VRE will present information on upcoming projects and solicitations while engaging industry leaders in an open discussion about business opportunities. Attendance is open to all members of the contractor community interested in participating in rail improvement projects in Virginia.

Rail Industry Day is an opportunity for contractors to gain a better understanding of the Commonwealth's [Transforming Rail in Virginia](#) initiative with CSX Transportation and the upcoming projects and procurements being offered by DRPT and VRE. Attendees will hear how both agencies' projects align with those in the Commonwealth's \$3.7 billion rail initiative.

Rail Industry Day will focus on upcoming procurements from DRPT, on behalf of the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority, and VRE. They include the [Long Bridge Project](#); track projects in Alexandria and Franconia-Springfield; station improvements at Alexandria, Broad Run, Franconia-Springfield, and Fredericksburg; parking expansion at Manassas Park; and a General Planning Consultant procurement. Other topics to be addressed include DRPT and VRE's procurement policies and subcontractor utilization goals for firms qualifying under the federal Disadvantaged Business Enterprises or state Small, Women-owned and Minority-Owned programs.

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Online registration is open at <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2632579794250302479>. Firms are asked to limit participation to two staff members.

About the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation: DRPT's mission is to improve the mobility of people and goods while expanding transportation choices in the Commonwealth through rail, public transportation, and commuter services. DRPT is committed to ensuring that no person is excluded from participation in or denied the benefits of its services on the basis of race, color, or national origin as protected by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. For additional information on DRPT's nondiscrimination policies and procedures or to file a complaint, please contact the Title VI Compliance Officer, [Mike Mucha](#), at (804) 786-6794, TDD 711, or 600 E. Main Street, Suite 2102, Richmond, VA 23219.

About the Virginia Railway Express: The 13th largest commuter rail service in the U.S., VRE is a transportation partnership of the Northern Virginia and the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commissions. The 4.5 million rides the railroad provides annually remove some 100 million vehicle miles from Northern Virginia's interstates. Learn more at www.vre.org.

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