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## **San Joaquin RTD Receives Employer of the Year Award**

(Stockton, CA) – San Joaquin Regional Transit District (RTD) has been named the Employer of the Year by the WTS Sacramento Chapter. The award honors an organization for recruiting, retaining and advancing women in the transportation industry. WTS is an international organization dedicated to building the future of transportation through the advancement of women. WTS stands for Women's Transportation Seminar, which was how it was named when founded in 1977, a time when women couldn't get subsidized for association memberships unless they were educational.

WTS Sacramento cited RTD's diversity and success in recruiting and developing women across the organization as one of the reasons for being selected to receive this award. While the transit industry's average percentage of women employees is only 20%, more than half (52%) of RTD's total workforce is comprised of women. Exemplifying its advancement of women in the organization's leadership, women hold the top two executive level positions at RTD. Fifty percent of RTD's workforce in the professional, middle manager and executive official classifications combined are women. RTD also provides career development opportunities to its employees through industry and job-specific trainings and a tuition reimbursement program.

RTD's General Manager/CEO Donna DeMartino states, *"RTD's Strategic Plan puts employees as the first priority, because we believe the best way to serve our customers is through employees who are competent, trained, and supported by RTD. We are proud to be an agency that promotes diversity and tries very hard to provide a level playing field for both men and women. Success at RTD is determined by the passion and performance individuals bring to that playing field. I thank all the talented, hard-working, and dedicated men and women at RTD who made this award possible. The work that we do at RTD is deeply rooted in our mission of providing a safe, reliable, and efficient transportation for our customers and our community."*

RTD received the award at the WTS Annual Awards and Scholarship Dinner at the Sheraton Grand Sacramento on January 22. As the chapter winner, RTD's nomination will be forwarded to the WTS International office for consideration for the International Award.

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