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Date: October 8, 2010

From: Long Island Rail Road (LIRR) and Metro-North Commuter Railroad (MNR)

To: Interested Carbuilders and Suppliers

Subject: M-9 Joint Car Procurement with LIRR and MNR – Request for Industry Review (IR)

Reference: (a) RFI No. 81908, dated August 28, 2008  
 (b) RFI No. 81908 Follow up (Pilot Car Program), dated December 18, 2008  
 (c) Request for Industry Review, dated August 26, 2010

Enclosure: (1) Selected M-9 DRAFT Technical Specifications, Industry Review Version, dated October 2010 (e-copy attached to e-mail)

As a follow-up to the Reference (c) letter, the Railroads are providing copies of the following M-9 DRAFT Technical Specification Sections as part of the industry review process:

- Section 103, Terminology and Abbreviations (updated)
- Section 204, Reliability and Maintainability
- Section 401, Carbody – General (updated)
- Section 405, Truck Assemblies
- Mandatory Alternate Proposals (updated)

Recall that Specification Sections 204 and 405 were not released with the August 26, 2010 Industry Review Request documents. They are being provided at this time for your review. For Section 103 and the Mandatory Alternate Proposals, they have been updated. Changes can be located through the "track changes" markings within these documents.

As before, Carbuilders, as well as suppliers, are invited to transmit questions regarding these draft Specification sections, as well as to provide relevant comments, concerns, and recommendations. The Railroads will undertake their best effort to review all questions received and will take under advisement each respondents' comments or recommendations to the draft Specification.

However, please be advised that the Railroads will make, at their sole discretion, the final determination as to which comments or recommendations will be incorporated into the final M-9 Technical Specification, which will become the basis for the Railroads' Request for Proposal,

which is currently scheduled to be released on March 3, 2011. Responses to questions posed by Carbuilders and suppliers will not be provided.

The current schedule (subject to change) remains as noted on August 26, 2010 as follows:

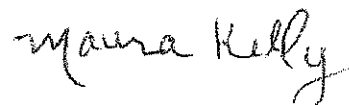
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| 1) Release of Industry Review (IR):        | August 26, 2010                     |
| 2) Comment Period:                         | August 27 to November 2, 2010       |
| 3) All comments due no later than:         | November 2, 2010                    |
| 4) Railroad review of Responses:           | November 2, 2010 to January 5, 2011 |
| 5) Finalize Specification and prepare RFP: | January 5, 2011 to March 2, 2011    |
| 6) Release of formal Request for Proposal: | March 3, 2011                       |

Please be advised that all transmittals must be i) provided in the format described in the August 26, 2010 Request for Industry Review, ii) transmitted via e-mail to [makelly@lirr.org](mailto:makelly@lirr.org), and iii) received by the Railroad no later than close of business (5:00 p.m., United States Eastern Standard Time) on November 2, 2010.

The Railroads request that each company submit, as appropriate, no more than one electronic file of questions and comments on Friday of each week until the close of the Comment Period on November 2, 2010, at which time remaining comments are due. If a company elects to respond on more than one Friday, questions and comments must not be repeated.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of this transmission to the undersigned at [makelly@lirr.org](mailto:makelly@lirr.org) upon receipt. Inquiries may be made to the undersigned at telephone (718) 725-2641 or via e-mail to [makelly@lirr.org](mailto:makelly@lirr.org)

Respectfully,  
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