



Press Release

GE Transportation

## **GE Transportation Moves Closer to Securing New Amtrak Passenger Locomotive Order**

*U.S. House of Representatives passes Jobs Bill that includes \$800 million for Amtrak fleet modernization*

**Erie, Penn. (Dec. 16, 2009)** – With today’s passage of the Jobs for Main Street Act by the U.S. House of Representatives, GE Transportation has moved a major step closer to a potential order for the next generation, higher-speed passenger locomotives from Amtrak. The Act provides \$800 million for Amtrak fleet modernization, including the purchase of new “fuel efficient locomotives.”

Amtrak has previously expressed interest in upgrading their aging passenger locomotive fleet. Once the critical funding for Amtrak to modernize its fleet is enacted into law, GE remains confident it can provide a superior proposal to Amtrak for the new locomotives.

“We greatly appreciate the support U.S. Representative Kathy Dahlkemper has provided to ensure this Act included specific funding for new passenger locomotives,” said Lorenzo Simonelli, President and CEO of GE Transportation. “This House legislation paves the way to help sustain well-paying manufacturing jobs and to provide the public with greener, more efficient transportation.”

Added Simonelli: “As the bill moves to the Senate, we will work with Senators Arlen Specter and Bob Casey, who have been active supporters, to ensure this funding is included.”

For the past several months GE Transportation and its employees, GE’s largest local union and suppliers to the business have petitioned for federal support to help fund this higher-speed locomotive that could help sustain 1,900 GE and supplier jobs.

Any order for passenger locomotives would represent the engineering resources and labor required to produce approximately three times as many freight locomotives. GE Transportation in Erie and Grove City, Penn could build new locomotives for Amtrak following a competitive bidding process.

In addition to helping sustain jobs, the new locomotives from GE would also reduce fuel consumption and emissions. The next generation passenger locomotives would be capable of reaching speeds of up to 124 mph.

## **About GE Transportation**

Established more than 100 years ago, GE Transportation, a unit of General Electric Company (NYSE: GE), is a global technology leader and supplier to the railroad, marine, drilling, and mining and wind power industries. GE Transportation provides freight and passenger locomotives, signaling and communications systems, information technology solutions, marine engines, motorized drive systems for mining trucks and drills, high-quality replacement parts and value added services. GE Transportation is headquartered in Erie, Pennsylvania, USA, and employs approximately 10,000 employees worldwide. For more information visit [www.getransportation.com](http://www.getransportation.com).

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