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## Slugging it Out

NAPT, NASDPTS to meet in Louisville, home of the famous baseball bat, to target continued child safety despite growing economic hardship

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**Collins School Services** received the first of two NEXBUS electric school buses from **Collins Bus Corporation**. The bus, configured for 20 seats, was delivered to Durham's location. The bus is built on a **Ford E-450**



equipped with **Azure Dynamic's** parallel drive system. The bus was unveiled in July at the STN EXPO in Reno, Nev. Durham attendees to test drive the new technology during "Collins and Drive" demonstration. Many state transportation agencies and bus drivers were able to experience the benefits of hybrid technology for the first time.

**Seon Inc.**, launched a new Web site at **www.seon.com** to help customers navigate information quickly and easily. Hardware, software and accessories are explained,



along with options based on individual industries and needs. New features enable the customer to compare products side-by-side. The new site also offers information on everything from grants and funding, to leasing and financing, and product specifications. New features include how-to videos, manuals, installation diagrams

**Meritor** and **ArvinMeritor, Inc.**, announced that under the new long-term supply agreement, Meritor axles are now in a top position on International medium-duty trucks and IC engines used in school and commercial buses. Also under the terms of the agreement, ArvinMeritor gains additional standard axle options on International heavy-duty trucks. Terms of the agreement are not disclosed. In other news, **Navistar Engine Group** was honored with the 2008 General Motors Supplier Merit Award for its Power Train. Navistar is one of 28 companies to re-

ceive prizes from GM for its performance in quality, service, technology and price. Navistar also recently celebrated 100 years of trading of its common stock on the New York Stock Exchange. To commemorate the anniversary, Dan Ustian, Navistar chairman, president and chief executive officer, and the company's board of directors rang the Closing Bell.

**RCI Technologies** also redesigned its Web site (**www.rcitechnologies.com**) with a fresher, more modern look as well as improved navigation and features for customers in the market for RCI's diesel fuel purification products. Web site visitors can more easily find the products and information they need. Specific products can be quickly located by entering a keyword or a part number in the left-margin search box. Customers can also find and download product documentation or locate a local RCI dealer. Interested customers can use the fill-in "Request Information" page to obtain product quotes, ask questions and request detailed information.

**Triumph Truck Sales** in Sikeston, Miss., a dealer of **Freightliner Built Buses** and other heavy-duty trucks, hosted its first-ever Super Tech competition for mechanics. The contestants completed a written test in addition to demonstrating their skills in four separate areas: preventive maintenance, electrical, suspension and diagnostics. The techs were timed and graded on each event. Jody Nichols of Jackson, Miss., received the top score and won the competition, taking home a \$500 Visa gift card and a glass trophy.

**Student Transportation of America Ltd.** and **Student Transportation of America ULC** on Sept. 15 were to pay to holders of record at the close of business on Aug. 31 a cash dividend payment of C\$0.04636833 per share common share and a cash interest payment of C\$0.04488167 per C\$3.847 of subordinate notes of STA ULC held separately. STA Ltd. designates these dividends to be "eligible dividends" pursuant to subsection 89(14) of the Income Tax Act (Canada) and its equivalent in any provinces of Canada. In Jacksonville, Fla., STA announced that 85 percent of the former drivers, monitors, maintenance and administrative personnel from Duval County Public Schools have accepted offers to join the STA family of companies who were selected to provide transportation for the district earlier this year.

**Education Logistics, Inc.**, contracted with the Asbury Park School District in New Jersey for the purchase of its internet-based bus routing and scheduling system. The agreement includes software licenses, related professional services, initial and ongoing consulting, software maintenance and support. Meanwhile, Racine Unified School District in Wisconsin has extended its investment in EDULOG's software with the purchase of its web-based transportation data distribution software, and Wayzata Public Schools has contracted for the purchase of EDULOG's integrated global positioning system. ■