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Oak Forest Employee Presented National School Transportation Association 2011 Distinguished Service Award

BALTIMORE, M.D.--The National School Transportation Association (NSTA) presented the 2011 Distinguished Service Award to Mr. Robert Smith on the evening of July 19 during the association's Annual Meeting and Convention in Baltimore, Maryland. Mr. Smith, Director of Public Relations for Cook-Illinois in Oak Forrest, Illinois, has been in transportation management for over 39 years.

“Bob is warmly welcomed in any school district in the Chicago area,” says Dr. Mark Friedman, Superintendent of Winnetka Public Schools District 36. **“He has spent time getting to know hundreds of school administrators, secretaries, and school board members. Everyone has an open door policy for Bob.”**

Over the years, Mr. Smith has proven that he is a team player and is willing to do his share to get the job done. He has spent much of his time working with customers, hearing their needs responding to their concerns. He is actively involved in veteran's affairs issue across the state.

The National School Transportation Association Board of Directors established the Distinguished Service Award in 1992 to recognize school bus contractors for recent, significant, substantial, and special contributions to pupil transportation contracting.

About NSTA

The National School Transportation Association is a trade organization representing school bus contractors; that is, private companies that own and operate school buses and contract with school districts to provide pupil transportation. Offices are at 113 South West St., 4th Floor, Alexandria, VA 22314. Phone: (703) 684-3200 or (800) 222-NSTA. Fax (703) 684-3212. E-mail: info@yellowbuses.org

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