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To: Fox Cities Transit Commission

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Subject: Exercise First Option Year for Kobussen Buses for Outagamie Specialized Transportation in Outagamie County for 2014

The Outagamie Specialized Transportation Service is a shared ride transit service for disabled clients of Outagamie County, Family Care and IRIS. The service provides transportation from the client's residence to one of three workshops in the morning and transportation from the workshops to the client's residence in the afternoon.

Kobussen Buses currently provides this service with December 31, 2013 concluding their one year contract. This contract includes two option years available for 2014 and 2015. The contract contains a fuel escalator clause which remains the same for contract option years. The option years include a price adjustment based on the Consumer Price Index change as of July 1 each preceding year applied to the cost per route. Based on this data, Kobussen has agreed to continue to provide the Specialized Transportation with a 1.5% increase over the 2013 rate. This rate change increases the current per route charge from \$189.67 to \$192.52.

Valley Transit's 2014 budget includes \$477,968 for this service with an estimated State and Federal government funding of 56.4% of the operating costs. The local share is paid for by Community Care with credit for IRIS and private pay clients. There are no City of Appleton funds used to support the Outagamie Specialized Transportation Service.

Valley Transit, Community Care and Kobussen Buses have agreed to exercise the first option year of the current contract. Kobussen Buses will continue to provide the Outagamie Specialized Transportation service in 2014.