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## American Bus Products finalizes Marketing and Distribution Agreement with Dallas Smith Corporation to Launch "The Friendly Bus®" in U.S.A.

American Bus Products is pleased to announce an exclusive agreement with Dallas Smith Corporation to market and distribute The Friendly Bus. Seniors and people with mobility challenges were considered when The Friendly Bus was designed. The Lo-Floor technology eliminates interior steps and the need for hydraulic lifts ... providing equal access and a positive transit experience for everyone.

The Friendly Bus was unveiled at the 2006 Community Transportation Expo in Florida and was the "hit of the show" according to Transit Notes.

The patented "no rear axle" design gives it a step-in floor with a retractable ramp and no interior steps. Pas-

sengers, special interest groups and drivers are pleased with the safe and easy boarding, no-hassle ramp operation, vehicle comfort, stable ride, and window views. The Friendly Bus is available in a variety of floor configurations that combine forward facing seats with accommodation for mobility aids such as wheelchairs, scooters, walkers and guide dogs. The Friendly Bus meets all Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) specifications and is ideally suited to door-to-door shuttle bus and paratransit service in applications that include route transit, airports, universities, specialty groups, health care and retirement facilities. The Ford F-450/550 Super Duty Chassis Cab is available with a gas or diesel engine and can be readily serviced at local Ford Dealerships.



Dallas Smith comments on this agreement with American Bus Products, "American Bus Products has a professional structure and a high service model that will serve transportation organizations well. Their team approach, combined with our patented transportation solution, makes it a great fit for everyone. The Friendly Bus will fill a growing need in the fleets of more and more transportation organizations."

The Friendly Bus represents the next generation of vehicles in door-to-door accessible transportation. The low

floor eliminates the inconvenience and stress associated with platform lifts and improves route efficiency as boarding and exiting times decrease. Also,

the ramp may be operated manually for added safety and reliability. The bus will be on display at **BUSCON, America's biggest Bus Convention in Chicago, October 1-3, 2007.**

Harry Dixon, of American Bus Products Corporation has already been talking to various transportation providers about the benefits of The Friendly Bus. He comments, "*I am very impressed with The Friendly Bus. Transportation providers can now offer a bus which allows all customers the independence and dignity of boarding and exiting a bus without the use of a hydraulic lift.*"

For more information about The Friendly Bus please contact **Holly Hughson at 1-866-569-8059 or visit [www.americanbusproducts.com](http://www.americanbusproducts.com)**

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