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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Toronto Transit Commission Chooses “The Friendly Bus®” for Low Floor Para-Transit bus replacements at Wheel-Trans**

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On October 23, 2008, the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) awarded American Bus Products with the supply contract for 110 Low Floor Para-Transit Buses to be delivered from 2009 through 2010 with the option for another 88 buses from 2011 to 2014. The buses will be operated by the TTC’s Wheel-Trans.

“The Friendly Bus®” was chosen as it represents the next generation of vehicles designed for door-to-door accessible transportation. The patented Lo Floor™ technology eliminates interior steps and the need for electric/hydraulic lifts...providing equal access and a positive transit experience for all riders. The step-in floor is equipped with two retractable manual ramps for easy access at both front and rear doors. Furthermore, removing steps from the bus improves route efficiency as boarding and exit times decrease. Passengers and operators alike are pleased with no-hassle ramp boarding, vehicle comfort, stable ride, and panoramic views from the large windows while in-transit. Garry Ladner, Canadian Account Representative for American Bus Products, comments on winning the contract, *“Our team is very excited about working with the TTC long term , introducing The Friendly Bus® to the Greater Toronto Area and, most importantly, providing an outstanding vehicle to the Wheel-Trans customer...”*

The first Friendly Bus® is expected to arrive in Toronto in early 2009 with regular deliveries to follow until the end of 2010 when the order of 110 buses will be fulfilled. At that time, the TTC may exercise its option to order an additional 88 buses through 2014.

Dallas Smith Corp. of Indiana designed The Friendly Bus®. It is based on an F450 Ford chassis, converted to low floor by Detroit Custom Chassis and has a body mounted on it by Startrans, a division of Supreme Corp. American Bus Products Inc. has marketing , sales and service responsibilities for the Friendly Bus® in Canada and the USA.

For more information about The Friendly Bus® please call 1-866-569-8059 or visit [www.americanbusproducts.com](http://www.americanbusproducts.com).

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