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**MV Transportation Named Corporate Citizen of the Year by the Conference of Minority Transportation Officials**

**7/16/07** - MV Transportation, Inc. was named Corporate Citizen of the Year by the Conference of Minority Transportation Officials (COMTO) at its annual conference in Miami in June. MV Transportation is the largest African-American and woman-owned transportation contracting management firm in the country. Founded in San Francisco in 1975 by Feysan Lodde, in conjunction with her husband Alex, MV now employs more than 9,000 transit professionals and operates more than 5,000 vehicles in 25 states and the District of Columbia.

In June 2006, MV made its fourth consecutive appearance on Black Enterprise Magazine's BE 100s list, the most respected measure of black-owned business performance in the country. With nearly \$400 million in annual revenue, the magazine named MV the number-one employment leader and the eleventh largest black-owned company in the United States, surpassing better known entities including Rush Communications owned by Hip-Hop impresario Russell Simmons and Oprah Winfrey's Harpo Productions.

Ms. Lodde began her career as a bus driver, and is a pioneering visionary in the field of passenger transportation contracting. Through the years, she has been a strong advocate of sharing the benefits of success with the communities that make it possible. She has received many citations of commendation and appreciation from government agencies, legislative bodies and community groups. She serves on MV's Board of Directors and plays a critical role in the ongoing strategic development of the company. She continues to meet with critical stakeholders, including clients, political leaders, employees and managers.

"MV Transportation has demonstrated time and again that a for-profit company can be financially successful without losing its heart," said Julie Cunningham, CEO of COMTO. "Under the leadership of Feysan Lodde, MV has grown into a formidable leader in the transportation industry that takes care of its employees and is committed to the communities it serves."

*Founded in 1971 on the campus of Howard University in Washington, D.C., the Conference of Minority Transportation Officials (COMTO) was created to provide a forum for senior level minority professionals in the transportation industry. Guided by the motto "building the people who build America," COMTO is the premier organization for the training, education and professional development of minority transportation professionals, as well as an advocacy group to promote the advancement of Historically Underutilized Businesses and relevant legislative initiatives. COMTO also awards*



*scholarships to minority students to help grow the next generation of public transportation leaders. COMTO has 36 chapters across the nation.*

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