



NFI awarded new contract by MDOT Maryland Transit Administration for seven zero-emission buses

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ST. CLOUD, Minn., May 09, 2022 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- (TSX: NFI, OTC: NFIYF, TSX: NFI.DB) NFI Group Inc. ("NFI"), a leading independent bus and coach manufacturer and a leader in electric mass mobility solutions, today announced that its subsidiary New Flyer of America Inc. ("New Flyer") has been awarded a contract from the Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration ("MDOT MTA") to provide seven zero-emission buses as the agency begins the transition to a zero-emission bus fleet. Included in the contract are three sixty-foot zero-emission, battery-electric Xcelsior CHARGE NG™ heavy-duty transit buses (six equivalent units or "EUs"), and four forty-foot battery-electric Xcelsior CHARGE NG™ transit buses (four EUs) for a total of 10 EUs.

The MDOT MTA is one of the largest multi-modal transit systems in the United States, providing over 3.5 million annual bus rides.

MDOT MTA is awarding the pilot ZEB contract to NFI by utilizing grant funding from the Federal Transit Administration's ("FTA") Low or No Emission Grant Program and the Volkswagen Settlement. The new buses will help fulfil Maryland's new Zero-Emission Bus Transition Act, which mandates all new buses procured must be emission-free beginning in 2023.

"Since 1995, NFI has delivered over 1,260 buses and coaches to the Maryland Transit Administration, and today we begin enabling its transition to zero-emission mobility," said Chris Stoddart, President, North American Bus and Coach, NFI. "Our battery-electric buses provide safe, efficient, quiet and emission-free public transportation, and will ultimately improve air quality and the quality of passenger experience in the state of Maryland."

Designed on the proven Xcelsior® platform, New Flyer's Xcelsior CHARGE NG™ battery-electric bus delivers up to 525 kWh of power and features a new lightweight electric traction drive system providing up to 90% energy recovery. For more information, visit newflyer.com/ng.

NFI is a leader in zero-emission mobility, with electric vehicles operating (or on order) in more than 80 cities in six countries. NFI offers the widest range of zero-emission battery and fuel cell-electric buses and coaches, and its vehicles have completed over 65 million EV service miles. In 2021, NFI was named as a [ZEB partner of choice](#) by nine major transit agencies across America.

Today, NFI supports growing North American cities with scalable, clean, and sustainable mobility solutions through a four-pillar approach that includes buses and coaches, technology, [infrastructure](#), and workforce development. NFI also operates the [Vehicle Innovation Center](#) ("VIC"), the first and only innovation lab of its kind dedicated to advancing bus and coach technology and providing workforce development. Since opening in late 2017, the VIC has hosted over 300 interactive events, welcoming 5,000 industry professionals for EV and infrastructure training.

About NFI

Leveraging 450 years of combined experience, NFI is leading the electrification of mass mobility around the world. With zero-emission buses and coaches, infrastructure, and technology, NFI meets today's urban demands for scalable smart mobility solutions. Together, NFI is enabling more livable cities through connected, clean, and sustainable transportation.

With 8,000 team members in nine countries, NFI is a leading global bus manufacturer of mass mobility solutions under the brands New Flyer® (heavy-duty transit buses), MCI® (motor coaches), Alexander Dennis Limited (single and double-deck buses), Plaxton (motor coaches), ARBOC® (low-floor cutaway and medium-duty buses), and NFI Parts™. NFI currently offers the widest range of sustainable drive systems available, including zero-emission electric (trolley, battery, and fuel cell), natural gas, electric hybrid, and clean diesel. In total, NFI supports its installed base of over 105,000 buses and coaches around the world. NFI's common shares trade on the Toronto Stock Exchange ("TSX") under the symbol NFI and its convertible unsecured debentures trade on the TSX under the symbol NFI.DB. News and information is available at www.nfigroup.com, www.newflyer.com, www.mcicoach.com, www.nfi.parts, www.alexander-dennis.com, www.arbocsv.com, and www.carfaircomposites.com.

About New Flyer

New Flyer is North America's heavy-duty transit bus leader and offers the most advanced product line under the Xcelsior® and Xcelsior CHARGE® brands. It also offers infrastructure development through NFI Infrastructure Solutions™, a service dedicated to providing safe, sustainable, and reliable charging and mobility solutions. New Flyer actively supports over 35,000 heavy-duty transit buses (New Flyer, NABI, and Orion) currently in service, of which 8,600 are powered by electric motors and battery propulsion and 1,900 are zero-emission. Further information is available at www.newflyer.com.

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Due to the potential impact of these factors, the NFI Group disclaims any intention or obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements,

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