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Trans-Expo – Selling Fast!

CUTA Members may reserve booth and vehicle space [online](#) for [Trans-Expo 2015](#), Canada's Bus and Transit Exhibition. The floor plan and exhibitor manual are available [online](#). Trans-Expo will be held at the Palais des congrès de Montréal on **Tuesday November 24, 2015**. The event promises to be as popular as ever, with exhibit space in a state of the art facility and with easy pedestrian access to the [Westin Montréal](#) where the [CUTA Fall Conference](#) will be held. Over 1000 transit decision makers are expected to attend. Register and submit a company profile by **September 22, 2015** to be included in the show guide in the November issue of [Canadian Transit Forum Magazine](#).

Please email [Paulina Cadena](#) for further details

CUTA Fall Conference

Registration for the [2015 CUTA Fall Conference](#) is open. If you register on or before **September 25, 2015**, CUTA members will receive the early-bird price of \$790. [New! Our Sponsorship Opportunities & Benefits section](#) has a new look! CUTA offers a wide range of "exclusive" sponsorship opportunities to attract the audience you want to reach! There is something for everyone, with the option to mix and match items and events to suit your promotional budget and goal. Have something unique in mind? [We'd love to chat!](#)

SCAM ALERT!

Notice Regarding Unauthorized Hotel Booking Agencies. It has come to CUTA's attention that a third party convention and Exhibition housing service is soliciting our members, claiming to offer cheaper hotel rates than we have negotiated for conferences. We are issuing a recommendation to anyone planning to attend CUTA conferences and who wish to book at the host hotel, the [Westin Montréal](#) in Montréal, only to do so through the [hotel link](#) on our website.

Please be suspicious of anyone calling you to say that they are representing CUTA as a convention housing service or housing agency. We have not hired a third party to sell hotel rooms on our behalf and the agency which was brought to our attention is based in the US. There is a risk of members losing any deposits paid to third parties and even to having credit cards compromised.

Please report any contact you may receive from a third party in writing to [Paulina Cadena, Events Planner](#)

Rolling coverage of the 2015 election on Lets-Move.ca's new blog

With a hotly contested election underway, transit advocates want and need to know where to get all the latest transit news from the campaign trail. Well, CUTA's new [Election Blog](#) is now live and full of interesting transit news, analysis and features. The blog will be updated regularly with insights into party platforms, interesting opinions about transit and what this election might mean for Canadian integrated mobility. Check it all out [here!](#) Stay tuned to learn more on #elxn42.

For more information contact Jeff Mackey at publicaffairs@cutaactu.ca

Applications for the SD Tech Fund and the SD Natural Gas Fund now open

For our manufacturing members, Sustainable Development Technology Canada (SDTC) is offering an opportunity to get funding for cleantech development projects from August 26 to October 14, 2015. The SD Natural Gas Fund focuses on a variety of areas including the creation of more efficient and lower emission natural gas engines, alternative natural gas engines and other lower-cost solutions.

The SD Tech Fund supports technologies that address the challenges of Climate Change, including technology solutions focused on combustion-free primary energy conversion technologies, like technologies that convert primary energy sources to carbon-free energy carriers such as steam, electricity or hydrogen.

You can learn more and apply at <https://www.sdtc.ca/en/apply/apply>

2014 Specialized Transit Fact Book is now available!

In late August, CUTA distributed the Final Benchmark Report and a soft copy of the *2014 Specialized Transit Services Fact Book* to its transit system members. This year, **71** specialized transit systems completed and submitted their 2014 operating data to CUTA. The national specialized transit ridership grew 4.5%, reporting 19M passenger trips. This September, transit managers will receive a hard copy of this publication for reference. Other CUTA members who are interested in specialized transit data can order a copy. The 2014 database in Excel format will be available in mid-September. Please complete and return the [Order Form](#) to [Tammy Siu](#).

To find out more about the status of the 2014 data collection, please visit [CUTA's 2015 Industry Data Schedule](#).

For more information contact [Tammy Siu](#), Industry Data Coordinator.