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SUN TRAN WELCOMES NEW ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER

TUCSON, Ariz. - Ralph Power has been named the new Assistant General Manager for Sun Tran. A seasoned transit professional, Mr. Power possesses 12 years of transit management experience, most recently serving as the Executive Director of Belle Urban System in Racine, Wisconsin.

Mr. Power is an employee of Professional Transit Management Ltd. (PTM), the company contracted by the City of Tucson to manage the daily operations of Sun Tran. His responsibilities at Sun Tran include oversight of several departments, including Scheduling and Service Development, Risk Management, Procurement and Facilities, Maintenance, Operations and Management Information Systems (MIS). He replaces Katrina Heineking who was recently named General Manager.

"We believe that Ralph will be a great compliment to the Sun Tran management team," said Thomas P. Hock, President and Chief Executive Officer of PTM. "His strong background in transit operations and planning will be a major asset as Sun Tran evolves into being a more regional transit provider."

Mr. Power holds two bachelors degrees and a Masters of Business Administration degree from the University of Southern Colorado. His transit career began in Colorado in 1994 as a transportation coordinator for an agency focusing on paratransit for the elderly.

"I'm excited about the opportunity to help lead Sun Tran into the future," said Mr. Power. "There will be many positive changes ahead now that voters have approved the RTA plan."

PTM offers transit management, labor relations and management consulting services to public transit systems across the country. Currently, PTM provides transit management services to 17 public transit clients. PTM also provides fleet management and maintenance services to cities and counties across the United States. Headquartered in Cincinnati, Ohio, PTM is an employee-owned company.

Sun Tran is Tucson's regional public transportation system, which is operated by the City of Tucson and managed by PTM. Named "America's Best Transit System" for 2005 by the American Public Transportation Association, Sun Tran has 520 employees, 37 fixed routes and a fleet of 189 buses. Sun Tran's mission is to provide safe, well maintained and cost effective public transportation with a team of innovative and diverse employees, dedicated to our customers, the environment and the community.