



NAPT & ZONAR ANNOUNCE \$50,000 GRANT WINNERS FOR SCHOOL BUS SECURITY, EFFICIENCY ENHANCEMENTS

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Albany, NY—The National Association for Pupil Transportation (NAPT) and technology innovator Zonar today announced the 2013 winners of grants for \$50,000 in the latest school bus security/safety/efficiency equipment. Grants were awarded to the school districts that submitted the best proposals for utilizing Zonar's widely acclaimed Electronic Fleet Management Solutions, including their Electronic Vehicle Inspection Reporting (EVIR®) system. The winners are:

David Pewitt, Transportation Director, Bridgeport ISD, Bridgeport, TX
Ingrid Reitano, Transportation Supervisor, East Windsor Regional Schools, Hightstown, NJ
Davin Miller, Transportation Director, Del Norte County ISD, Crescent City, CA
Jane Bykerk, Transportation Director, Hudsonville Public Schools, Hudsonville, MI
George Beckett, Executive Director, Kanawha County Schools, Charleston, WV
Paul Harris, Maintenance & Operations Director, Pateros School District, Pateros, WA
Nikki Hughes, Transportation Director, San Juan USD, North Highlands, CA

NAPT Executive Director Mike Martin said, "This is a tremendous opportunity for some of our members to acquire what in our industry is already recognized as equipment with a track record of saving dollars and much more by improving safety, security and overall efficiency of school bus operations."

Martin explained that Zonar's patented EVIR system is sought-after equipment for school bus and other fleets that demand reliability and efficiency through better management of pre- and post-trip, security and maintenance inspections that are a routine part of daily school bus operations. Integrated with Zonar's cutting edge Global Positioning System (GPS) and telematics technologies, it gives pupil transportation service providers the vital ability to "inspect, track and know" almost instantly, and eliminates paperwork burdens.

In addition to enhancing inspections and maintenance, among the system's many applications are idling and speed monitoring, and routing and time management efficiencies. "The bottom line is that with this equipment you will have at your fingertips everything you need to know about every bus in your fleet," Martin added.

"NAPT applauds Zonar for its many contributions to the school bus industry, and for this generous grant opportunity. It couldn't come at a better time, as every school district is facing tight budgets that demand more efficiency and cost savings. Some of our members will soon have equipment free of charge that provides a tremendous management advantage," Martin said. Zonar has awarded nine (9) equipment grants in collaboration with NAPT over the last few years.

NAPT accepts and evaluates applications from NAPT members for awards of \$50,000 worth of equipment/hardware provided by Zonar Systems, Inc. Zonar determines the number of grant recipients after reviewing the applications.



Applicants must be NAPT members in the U.S. and Canada that are not currently using such equipment. Non-members of NAPT may join the association for just \$100 and become eligible instantly to submit an application.

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