February 4, 2015

MEMORANDUM

TO: City and County Superintendents of Education

FROM: Andy Craig
Deputy State Superintendent

SUBJECT: Southeastern States Pupil Transportation Conference 2015

The 65th annual Southeastern States Pupil Transportation Conference (SESPTC) will be held at the Sheraton Arlington Hotel and Arlington Convention Center in Arlington, Texas on July 12-15, 2015. The SESPTC annually draws its board of directors and invited delegates exclusively from fourteen member states. This conference is the oldest and one of the most prestigious regional conferences concerning school transportation in the nation. Since its inception in 1951, SESPTC participants consistently have been at the forefront of promoting safe and efficient transportation of students. The SESPTC was last hosted by Florida in 2014.

Each SESPTC includes presentations about a number of important transportation topics. The program for 2015 will be no exception. Session topics for 2015 will include updates from federal agencies; reports from national student transportation associations; new school bus technologies and designs; rules and methods for transporting students with disabilities; transportation safety and security; student management; media management; and much more. As in the past, break-out sessions will be offered for delegates. In addition, many special events are also planned in association with this event. Two very special parts of the conference are the trade show and the opportunity for delegates to interact with other state and local transportation officials from throughout the southeastern states.

Alabama has strongly supported this conference for many years through its participation and service in leadership positions. SESPTC is, without a doubt, one of the best training sessions offered for local transportation supervisors. Attendance is by invitation only and delegates are selected from each state through the state director’s office. Thanks to the support of industry sponsors and exhibitors, the cost of attending this conference remains among the lowest for a regional conference and training with delegate registration set at $150, which includes almost all meals. Alabama’s delegation is typically one of the largest. Again this year, we are hoping for a large contingent of delegates and encourage your participation.

If you would like to serve as a delegate for this conference, please complete the information below and fax it to Mrs. Jennifer Luster at 334-353-7983 no later than February 27, 2015. If preferred, send the information via e-mail to Jennifer at jennifer@alsde.edu. Delegates will be selected from those responding and notifications will be sent by March 6, 2015. Invitations will be sent to the selected delegates by the SESPTC. If interested, I encourage you to return this form as soon as possible. Typically, there are more requests than there are delegate positions available.

If you have questions, please contact Mr. Kevin Snowden, Program Coordinator of Pupil Transportation at 334-242-9730. Thank you for your continued support of this excellent training opportunity.

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cc: City and County Transportation Supervisors
    Mr. Kevin Snowden
    Mr. Dennis Coe

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SESPTC Delegate Request Form 2015
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Name: ________________________________

School System: ___________________________

Address: __________________________________________

Phone Number: _____________________________

Signature: _______________________________

E-mail Address: ___________________________

Cell Phone Number: _______________________

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