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### **Re: Florida Transportation Disadvantaged Receives National Awards**

Tallahassee, Florida – The Community Transportation Association of America (CTAA), this nation's foremost transportation entity, has recently presented Florida with three national awards! The awards were presented at their national CTAA Conference EXPO 2008, in New Orleans on June 3, 2008.

Community Transit System of the Year Award was presented to St. Johns County Council on Aging. This award is given to a transportation organization that reflects the values set forth in the mission statement and that puts the focus on providing innovative and creative transportation services to the community in an effective, efficient and responsive manner. The Urban Community Transportation System of the Year was awarded to the Broward County Mass Transit. This award is given to a system which provides service in an urban area of more than 50,000 population, is based on innovative and creative services in the community, is responsive to its customers' and community needs, and other criteria.

The State Leadership Award was presented to the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged. The State Leadership Award recognizes an entire state organization for providing creative, effective and continuing training and technical assistance programs, using new concepts, strategies, procedures and policies to provide support to local transit systems, and more. This award has been given out annually since 1989 and this is the first time Florida has received it.

It is definitely a shining moment for Florida to be recognized nationally for all areas of our program, the rural, urban and state levels. Three of the nine awards presented by CTAA were presented to Florida!

We should all be very proud to have been recognized nationally for having some of the best that public transportation has to offer within our own state. Check out the CTAA.org website for more information on the awards or [www.dot.state.fl.us/ctd](http://www.dot.state.fl.us/ctd).