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# DeKalb Workforce Development to Host Continuing MARTA Hiring Event

**DECATUR, Ga.** – DeKalb Workforce Development (DWD) has partnered with the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA) for monthly pre-hire assessments of the Bus Operations and Bennett and ABLE tests. Both tests will be conducted at **10 a.m.** on **Tuesday, June 7, 2016** and **Wednesday, June 8, 2016**, at the **DWD** office located at **774 Jordan Lane, Building #4** in **Decatur**.

A MARTA representative will be administering monthly assessments of the bus operations visual test, Bennett Mechanical Comprehension Test and Adult Basic Learning Examination (ABLE) for recruiting bus operators and hostler junior apprentices. The bus operations video is a two-hour test used to gauge customer service skills and have basic knowledge of how a transit bus operates. The Bennett Mechanical Comprehension test is used to identify mechanical reasoning and spatial perception. The ABLE is a group of basic reading and math tests that measure the level of education among adults.

“I commend DeKalb Workforce Development for bringing these career opportunities to those seeking employment in transportation,” said Interim CEO Lee May. “This grows and strengthens the partnership between DeKalb County and MARTA.”

Bus operator duties include helping disabled passengers, announcing major stops and transfer points, and transporting passengers safely from one stop to another. The Hostler junior apprentice is responsible for daily mechanical maintenance of buses. Duties include checking fluid levels, broken mirrors, lights and other mechanical standard maintenance issues.

Interested jobseekers must register in advance for testing at [workreadyga.org](http://workreadyga.org). For additional information, please contact Roderick Wyatt at (404)687-3400 or email at [rw Wyatt@dekalbcountyga.gov](mailto:rw Wyatt@dekalbcountyga.gov).

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