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## **Do You Know Where Your Buses Are? IC Corporation is the First School Bus Manufacturer to Offer Comprehensive GPS Tracking Factory-Installed on School Buses**

### **International Aware Vehicle Intelligence Solution Offers Tracking and Performance of School Buses for Transportation Officials**

AUSTIN, Texas, Nov 02, 2005 /PRNewswire via COMTEX News Network/ -- IC Corporation, North America's largest school bus manufacturer, has continued to showcase its leadership in the industry by becoming the first school bus manufacturer to offer factory-installed GPS tracking in its school buses. The announcement was made today at the National Association for Pupil Transportation Conference in Austin, Texas.

IC Corporation will be integrating the tracking components into its 2006 school bus models. Telematics, the remote tracking of vehicles, provides real-time information on the location and performance of vehicles. IC Corporation's parent company has developed a telematics solution called International(R) Aware(TM) Vehicle Intelligence that is fully integrated with the electronics components of the company's buses so all of the important functions can be remotely monitored.

Monitoring can range from keeping track of the location of a bus at all times to tracking how often the flashing red warning lights are activated. Designated officials can visit a password-protected Web site to get information about the school bus fleet.

"Every day, school bus officials around North America have a general idea of where their buses are, but with this technology, they can log onto the Internet and find out specifically where any school bus is located in real-time, including reading all of the specs on how the school bus is performing and a history of stops along the bus route," said Michael Cancelliere, vice president and general manager, IC Corporation. "This bus tracking technology provides knowledge that increases control and confidence for transportation officials."

The system also features a "geofence" capability that allows school officials to designate a virtual boundary for school buses. If a bus leaves that boundary, an immediate alert can be sent to transportation officials via email, cell phone text message or pager to let them know that a bus has left its operating area.

"Providing maximum performance and passenger protection are our top priorities," said Cancelliere. "If something goes awry with a school bus, we know that transportation officials would want to know immediately. That's why we are offering this feature on our new CE and BE school bus models."

Incorporating Aware Vehicle Intelligence into IC Corporation school buses also helps ensure that buses are being driven properly and that all maintenance records are updated. The system can inform school bus fleet managers when a school bus is due for scheduled maintenance or when parts will be due for replacement.

"School and fleet officials want to know everything about the performance and location of school buses," explained Jeff Bannister, Director, Truck Electronics, International Truck and Engine. "International Aware Vehicle Intelligence lets them track location, monitor performance, diagnose maintenance issues, and ensure driver and vehicle safety and security. It will also impact the bottom line because it helps reduce fuel and inventory costs and helps with efficient route mapping."

The school bus tracking system is available from any IC Corporation dealer in the United States, with Canadian availability in the future. Retrofit options for existing school buses may be available, but transportation officials are urged to call 1-888-883-5362 for more details. A further description of the telematics solution is available at <http://www.internationaldelivers.com/aware>.

#### **About IC Corporation**

IC Corporation, the nation's largest integrated school bus manufacturer, is a wholly owned subsidiary of International Truck and Engine Corporation. International produces school bus chassis, mid-range diesel engines, medium trucks, heavy trucks, severe service vehicles, and is a provider of parts and service sold under the International(R) brand. Both IC and International are subsidiaries of Navistar International Corporation (NYSE: NAV). Additional information is available site at: <http://www.ic-corp.com>.

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