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## Canada's transit industry right on track!

A strong domestic urban transit industry has been developed in Canada that is being increasingly recognized in many parts of the world.

Examples turn up with growing regularity:

- Mexico City bought 180 metro cars for \$100 million;
- New York City bought 825 subway cars for \$800 million;
- Detroit bought the Downtown People Mover system for \$110 million, which is a similar system bought by Vancouver in Canada, costing \$720 million;
- Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority, which serves the Boston area, bought 168 diesel buses for \$21.5 million;
- the light rail system used by Portland,
  Oregon, was developed in Canada; and
- there are excellent prospects for Canadian sales in Mexico, Singapore, Malaysia,

Colombia and Hong Kong, as well as the United States.

## Reason for success

Over the past 80 years, Canada has developed a solid foundation of specialists in the mass and urban transit fields. The urban transit systems they have developed and built offer reliable service daily to millions of people throughout the world. Also, Canadians have had to design equipment that will stand up to some of the most difficult weather conditions.

Faced with temperature extremes of from -40 degrees Celsius to 35 degrees Celsius and more and with highly variable weather conditions, Canadian-made equipment is designed to operate trouble-free in all types of climates.

Close attention is given to such details as air conditioning and heating, safety, -p. 4

