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MAJOR UPGRADES SET FOR EAST AND WEST COAST AMTRAK MAINTENANCE FACILITIES \$49.5 million in contracts awarded for Los Angeles and Miami-area projects

WASHINGTON— Amtrak announced today it is awarding two contracts with a combined value of \$49.5 million for major upgrades of its maintenance facilities located in Los Angeles, Calif., and in Hialeah, Fla., near Miami. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act economic stimulus program is funding both projects.

“Amtrak is committed to making the investments needed to keep our equipment clean and in good working order for our passengers and state partners,” said President and CEO Joe Boardman, noting each upgraded facility will be modern, efficient and capable of handling the current work levels as well as projected future service expansions.

The contract for the \$24.5 million Los Angeles project is awarded to Kemp Bros. Construction Co. of Santa Fe Springs, Calif. The contract for the \$25 million Hialeah project is awarded to Dana B. Kenyon Company of Jacksonville, Fla. Both projects will be under construction beginning this spring, will be completed in February 2011 and are expected to generate good paying local and regional jobs.

The upgrades to both the east and west coast facilities will dramatically improve the capacity, efficiency and working conditions of the shops that perform inspections and maintenance of passenger rail equipment used in long-distance and state-supported corridor services. Both projects involve the construction of a new building structure to cover work currently performed completely outdoors and will include administrative offices and employee locker rooms.

Additionally, Amtrak intends to award a contract this spring for major upgrades to its Seattle maintenance facility that supports long-distance and state-supported corridor operations as well as a maintenance agreement for commuter rail equipment in the Pacific Northwest. The Seattle project is funded by Amtrak’s annual capital program.

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About Amtrak

As the nation's intercity passenger rail operator, Amtrak connects America in safer, greener and healthier ways. Last fiscal year (FY 2009), the railroad carried 27.2 million passengers, making it the second-best year in the company's history. With 21,000 route miles in 46 states, the District of Columbia and three Canadian provinces, Amtrak operates more than 300 trains each day—at speeds up to 150 mph—to more than 500 destinations. Amtrak also is the partner of choice for state-supported corridor services in 15 states and for several commuter rail agencies. Visit Amtrak.com or call 800-USA-RAIL for schedules, fares and more information.

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