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## **LERCH BATES INC. TO PROVIDE VERTICAL TRANSPORTATION CONSULTING SERVICES TO MARTA**

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January 18, 2011 – Lerch Bates Inc., an independent vertical transportation consulting firm, has been selected by the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA) to provide elevator and escalator consulting services for a five-year period commencing in January 2011.

Lerch Bates will provide full-time services to support the maintenance, repair and modernization of MARTA's elevators and escalators, including specialized consulting, project management, design engineering, cost estimating, equipment condition assessments, work performance audits, standards development, incident investigations, construction inspections, contract and code compliance inspections, and training.

MARTA is the principal public transportation system serving the Atlanta metropolitan area. For over thirty years, MARTA has served as the ninth largest transit system in the United States providing combined bus and rail service to DeKalb and Fulton Counties. MARTA's vertical transportation system consists of 112 elevators and 149 escalators primarily located at 38 transit stations, as well as other support facilities.

Lerch Bates brings decades of relevant experience to the project and has worked with several major metropolitan transit systems including Boston's Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) and Los Angeles' Metro (LCAMTA). "We are excited about this opportunity to be working with MARTA," said Bart Stephan, Lerch Bates' President and CEO. "Lerch Bates will play an integral role on MARTA's team to establish and sustain best-in-class status for their elevator and escalator program."

### **ABOUT LERCH BATES**

Lerch Bates Inc. is an international consulting services firm with offices throughout North America, Europe, the Middle East and India. Founded over 60 years ago, with elevator consulting as its cornerstone, we advise architects, developers, building investors, owners and managers on the design, sustainability and continuous use of a wide spectrum of building systems for any size or type of building. For more information, contact Jeff Marsh at 1-800-409-5471 or [Jeff.Marsh@lerchbates.com](mailto:Jeff.Marsh@lerchbates.com).

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