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PROVINCE PARTNERS WITH NEW FLYER INDUSTRIES TO EXPAND WINNIPEG OPERATIONS, SUPPORT 30 NEW JOBS

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Provincial Funding to Help Train New Staff, Upgrade Skills of Existing Staff: Premier

The province will invest up to \$300,000 in training support for New Flyer Industries as the company embarks on a \$1.1-million capital expansion and consolidation that will create 30 jobs, Premier Greg Selinger announced today with Paul Soubry, president and chief executive officer, New Flyer. The expansion will include the establishment of a parts and new product development centre across from the company's main operations centre in Winnipeg to create a New Flyer campus.

"Our government has proudly supported New Flyer's growth over the years. Families throughout North America depend on New Flyer buses made right here in Winnipeg to get them where they need to be every day," said Selinger. "Today we're building on that relationship with training support for a parts and new product development centre. This investment will support the creation of 30 new, good jobs in Winnipeg and will help keep New Flyer as a global leader in the clean bus industry."

New Flyer Industries employs a total Manitoba workforce of 1,359. The premier noted the provincial support announced today will help to train up to 30 new staff and improve the skills of 75 existing staff.

Soubry noted the company has chosen to locate its campus and parts distribution facility in Winnipeg, due in part to the funding support it has received from Manitoba. The province has previously contributed more than \$800,000 to establish standardized training for more than 800 New Flyer employees, improve product quality and increase customer satisfaction.

"We are privileged to have the support of the provincial government, as well as ongoing support and partnerships from educational institutions and non-profit technical support agencies," said Soubry.

"Promoting the development of our highly skilled workforce is part of the New Flyer mandate and we appreciate that our continued growth and development would not be possible without this support."

New Flyer Industries is the leading manufacturer of heavy-duty transit buses in Canada and the United States. It is a North American technology and innovation leader and brings a range of new technologies into Manitoba's manufacturing sector including drives powered by clean diesel, natural gas, electric trolley, energy-efficient gasoline-electric, diesel-electric hybrid and all-electric systems.

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