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### **National School Transportation Association and Zonar Partner To Award Five \$50,000 Hardware Technology Grants**

**BONITA SPRINGS, FL**-Don Carnahan, Vice President of Business Development at Zonar presented five \$50,000 hardware grants at the annual Midwinter Meeting on Monday, January 14<sup>th</sup> to the following National School Transportation Association (NSTA) contractors: Academy Transport, LLC. of Fort Myers, FL; Dell Transportation Corp. of Port Washington, NY; Harlow's School Bus Services, Inc. of Bismarck, ND; NorthEast Charter School Bus Services, Inc. of Lewiston, ME; and Dousman Transport Co., Inc. of Dousman, WI.

Zonar and NSTA annually sponsor the \$50,000 grant to increase student safety and promote best practices within the pupil transportation industry. Recipients were selected based on their commitment toward operational improvements and safety. The Zonar and NSTA grant provides school bus contractors the opportunity to equip their vehicles with the latest in telematics technology.

"NSTA strives to provide members with innovative resources to improve the pupil transportation industry," said Ronna Sable Weber, NSTA Executive Director. "We hope recipients use this grant as an opportunity to improve efficiency and further advance their commitment to the safe transportation of children from home to school."

Winners can apply the grant toward Zonar's advanced fleet management technology including the patented [Electronic Vehicle Inspection Report \(EVIR®\)](#), [V3 telematics platform](#) and [ZPass™](#). These innovative systems work seamlessly together to deliver real-time data including vehicle inspection, student ridership, vehicle health, child-check and vehicle diagnostic information. School bus fleets benefit from automated processes, improved accuracy, increased productivity and compliance.

"Ensuring safety and increasing operational efficiency has always been our focus at Zonar," said Chris Oliver, Chief Marketing Officer for Zonar. "We are very proud to work with NSTA again to provide these commendable winners with the tools and information needed to save money and improve safety of their students and vehicles."

This grant opportunity was exclusive to NSTA private school bus contracting members. For NSTA membership information, visit [www.yellowbuses.org](http://www.yellowbuses.org). Additional questions can be sent to Megan Benfatti at [MBenfatti@yellowbuses.org](mailto:MBenfatti@yellowbuses.org).

**About NSTA:**

The National School Transportation Association has been the voice of private school bus contractors, manufacturers and suppliers for more than 40 years. The association provides school transportation professionals with the tools and resources they need to make school buses safe, affordable, and efficient nationwide. Offices are at 113 S. West Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Alexandria, VA 22314. Phone: 703-684-3200. Fax: 703-684-3212.

**About Zonar:**

Zonar helps public and private fleet managers improve CSA compliance, increase fleet efficiency and improve safety through an expansive set of inspection, diagnostic and GPS solutions. In 2001, Zonar released its patented Electronic Vehicle Inspection Report (EVIR) system to standardize the pre- and post-trip inspection process and ensure compliance with state and federal law. Through a unique “Inspect, Track, Know” approach, Zonar also developed the V3 telematics platform and the web-based Ground Traffic Control fleet management portal. Zonar’s newest product, Z-Pass+ provides parents with student bus ridership information. Learn more about Zonar at [www.zonarsystems.com](http://www.zonarsystems.com).