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### GETWorks Participant Seeks Patent for Invention

**Bakersfield, CA** — The Golden Empire Transit District (GET) featured stories of 15 real bus riders using GET to improve their lives in its 2018 GETWorks campaign. The District has followed many of the GETWorks participants over the last six months and has marveled in the ingenuity and courageousness of these impressive Bakersfield residents who are mothers, fathers, students, advocates, survivors, and inventors.

“Robert Moore is one of those rising stars to watch,” said Karen King, GET’s CEO. Moore, 30, was a 2018 GETWorks participant, US Army Reserve veteran, father, entrepreneur, and inventor. He is currently seeking to better his life and the lives of his children by attempting to patent an invention he hopes will streamline the manufacturing, military, and pro-sports industries. “GET is honored to share his story,” said King.

Help from his high school emancipated from his parents at the age of 16 and living in a car until the age of 18, Moore found his only sense of security in school. Although getting to school was always a struggle because he was either bouncing around various foster-care families, dealing with family struggles, or suffering from neglect and abuse, he looked to education to provide him with an opportunity to invent and explore. That love of learning pushed him to graduate despite the odds.

Moore joined the US Army Reserves at the age of 20. “The training centered and calmed me, teaching me how to focus with laser-precision on my goals,” said Moore who explained he became a sergeant in four years (a notable accomplishment), and was a sharp shooter despite never having fired a gun before serving. His superiors gave him the support and guidance he had never received as a child, and the discipline and sense of brotherhood taught him how to be a leader.

Although he was excelling in the Reserves, Moore was let go from his lucrative career in civilian life in 2013, and soon found himself homeless.

At a homeless shelter in Bakersfield, Moore used his military training to lead a group of men in door-to-door sales ventures, odd jobs, and earning as much training as they could accomplish. “I attained my accounting and bookkeeping certificate and amassed dozens of professional references,” said Moore. “It became apparent to me that my community was full of resources to help a veteran get back on his feet and riding the GET bus played a big part in connecting these opportunities.”

Last month Moore presented his latest invention, a well-made device to securely hold writing utensils in place as part of a uniform, to a foundation in San Jose that helps entrepreneurs patent their ideas. He hopes to secure funding to move

forward and eventually establish a business where a portion of the product proceeds will be used to fund an education grant for at-risk youth.

“We are so proud of Robert and all of his accomplishments and wish him all the luck in this impressive undertaking,” said King. “We love to discover these amazing GET rider stories that are so inspiring to people in Bakersfield.” King hopes residents who have never thought of riding GET before will hear about these stories of their neighbors and co-workers and realize that GET can help them improve their lives as well.

*GET was formed in July 1973 and is the primary public transportation provider for the Bakersfield Urbanized Area. It is the largest public transit system within a 110-mile radius. The District’s legal boundary includes Bakersfield city limits as well as adjacent unincorporated areas. GET has a fleet of 90 compressed natural gas buses equipped with wheelchair lifts and bike racks. GET services 16 routes, which operate 7 days a week and transport more than 6 million passengers each year with its fixed route buses. In addition, GET operates 21 compressed natural gas GET-A-Lift buses. GET has an economic impact; every \$1.00 GET spends and invests creates \$5.80 in return. The International Standards Organization formally recognizes GET for its certified Environmental Management System. For more information, visit [www.getbus.org](http://www.getbus.org) or call 869.2GET (2438).*