



Karsan to unveil first Buy America bus at UITP World Global Transport Summit

Karsan will introduce its first Buy America-compliant vehicle at the upcoming UITP World Global Transport Summit, May 15 to 17 at Palais des Congrès de Montréal.

Having successfully completed Altoona testing, the 40-foot, environmentally-friendly CNG-powered vehicle is currently completing FMVSS/CMVSS certification and will be ready for sale before the end of 2017.

The 51 year-old, Turkey-based manufacturer is a global leader, having produced more than 277,000 total vehicles. Their broad range of transportation solutions, ranging in vehicle sizes from approximately 16 feet to 60 feet, is featured in almost 20 countries.

“The Karsan team is very excited to offer its first Buy America vehicle,” said Levent Erdogan, business development and projects director for Karsan. “The timing of the conference is ideal in that we are currently in discussions with a U.S.-based manufacturer and further our decades-long experience in urban transit on an even-more global scale.”

The 40-foot transit bus being showed is a truly innovative vehicle, merging state-of-the-art technology such as CNG with Karsan’s experience in many of the globe’s most challenging urban environments.

Karsan, at a glance

Founded in 1966, Karsan Otomotiv Sanayii ve Ticaret A.Ş. operated under the Koç Group between 1979-1998 and following Inan Kır a ’s purchase of the majority shares in 1998, the Company started to carry out its operations within the body of Kır a  Holding. Since 1981, Karsan has been a commercial vehicle manufacturer with 100% local capital. In line with its “Limitless Transportation Solution” vision set in 2009, Karsan has aimed to develop and manufacture a wide variety of products ranging from passenger cars to busses and minivans to heavy trucks and today the Company produces in its state of the art, flexible facilities Hyundai Motor Company’s H350 model panelvans, minibusses as well as chassis for pick-up trucks and Menarinibus branded busses under license besides Karsan CS, Karsan ATAK and Karsan Star vehicles manufactured under its own brand. Marketing, sales and after sales services of such products are performed via Karsan Marketing.