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### **Newly appointed TSA Administrator John Pistole visits TSA Surface Transportation Training Center, Pueblo, CO**

Pueblo, Colo. — TSA Administrator John Pistole made a stop at the Federal Railroad Administration's (FRA) Transportation Technology Center (TTC) Tuesday, July 27, 2010, on his tour of transportation facilities and airports across the nation, to observe demonstrations at the Security and Emergency Response Training Center and to talk to students in training at the TSA Surface Transportation Security Training Center (STSTC).

"I applaud the Administrator for recognizing the great work that is done at TTC every day, and for coming to Pueblo and touring the facility, which we believe has the ability to lead our nation in preparation for potential rail and subway terrorist attacks," said Colorado Congressman John T. Salazar. "I share the Administrator's belief that more attention needs to be paid to surface transportation, and appreciate that he chose to visit TTC. I wish I could have joined him on today's tour of the facility, but votes in the House prevented me from getting back to Colorado today."

In 2009, TSA entered into an agreement with the FRA to establish STSTC at TTC. The STSTC currently serves as a security testing and training facility for rail and other surface modes of transportation, combining classroom-style instruction with hands-on practical experience. Through the STSTC, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and TSA also provide training to other federal, state, and local security partners, and intend to offer training classes to industry stakeholders in all modes of surface transportation.

"The fact that Administrator Pistole took the time to visit our facility in the very early days of his tenure is a testament to his astute recognition of TTC as the world's leading rail safety and security testing and training facility," said Association of American Railroads President and CEO Edward R. Hamberger.

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TTCI President Roy Allen (r) and newly appointed TSA Administrator John Pistole tour TSA's Surface Transportation Security Training Center at the Transportation Technology Center on Tuesday, July 27, 2010.