**I would like to nominate Jim Helgeson for the Orval Meyer Award.**

At any time any MTA member or transit agency would call and ask Jim for GFT’s policy and procedures he never hesitates to send them. Jim has been instrumental in making sure every transit agency has the opportunity to get their drivers PASS certified. Going so far as to schedule staff to conduct training in addition to GFT PASS on-site training, which he opens to all, but conducting the PASS training at MTA Conferences and at least one other training upon requests of area providers. Jim has also scheduled his staff to provide Drug & Alcohol Training and technical assistance when needed.

He has also sent staff to other communities to assist in the setup of the annual bus Roadeo.

When new managers are hired he is always willing to mentor them and provide any technical assistance they request.

Jim has served on the MTA Board since 2003 and during that time period he has always been an ardent supporter of all transit systems, insisting all a level playing field for all of Montana’s transit providers.

Jim is very knowledgeable and keeps up to date on transit in the legislature. Jim never hesitates to speak out on behalf of all transit agencies in the state.

He is truly a Montana transit leader.