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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **THOR WINS RECORD 3 YEAR CONTRACT WITH 2 YEAR OPTION FOR APPROXIMATELY 5,000 BUSES TOTALING \$200 MILLION.**

Thor Industries, Inc. (NYSE: THO) announced today that it has been awarded a 3 year contract plus a 2 year option for an estimated 5,000 buses totaling approximately \$200 million from the State of California (Caltrans).

“We believe this is the largest unit contract ever awarded to a bus manufacturer and again demonstrates our leadership in the mid-size bus industry. Our plants in Kansas and Michigan are expected to start shipping these orders by mid-2002,” said Wade F. B Thompson, Thor chairman.

Thor is the largest builder of mid-size buses and the largest manufacturer of recreation vehicles.

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