



## eNews

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National RTAP is a program of the Federal Transit Administration dedicated to creating rural and Tribal transit solutions through technical assistance, partner collaboration and FREE training materials.

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### **National RTAP Announces its Second Annual Photo Contest**

The theme of National RTAP's second annual photo contest is customer service in rural and tribal transit in America. Photos should reflect and celebrate customer service in rural transit. Whether you capture your favorite operator, call-taker, customer on a bus or transit manager, we want to see and share your photography!

- Grand Prize: Canon Powershot S95
- Runner-Up: \$250 American Express Gift Cheque.

Please submit your photo in a digital format to us at [info@nationalrtap.org](mailto:info@nationalrtap.org). Please see our [press release here](#) for more information.

### **National RTAP Recently Released the Newly Revised Emergency Procedures for Rural Transit Drivers Training Module**

The *Emergency Procedures* module offers the most current training on preparedness for hazards and threats that transit operators may encounter. The free module contains a Learner's Guide, a Self-paced eLearning Course Disc, an Instructor's Guide, a disc with videos and a trainer's PowerPoint presentation. Email [info@nationalrtap.org](mailto:info@nationalrtap.org) or call 888-589-6821 to order.

### **The EPA Office of Children's Health Protection Offering Grants for Underserved Communities**

The EPA Office of Children's Health Protection has announced the release of a solicitation for grant proposals to address children's environmental health in underserved communities. Funds available are expected to total \$1.5 million. State and state agencies are specifically mentioned as possible grant recipients. If you would like to apply and submit an initial proposal, please do so by Friday, February 18, 2011. For more information and to apply please go to: <http://yosemite.epa.gov/ochp/ochpweb.nsf/content/grants.htm>.

### **The Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund (DREDF) ADA Topic Guides**

DREDF recently released a series of Topic Guides on Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transportation. The next webinar, *On-Time Performance in ADA Paratransit* will take place on March 8<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. EST. [Register here](#).

## Proposed 43 Percent Increase in 5311 Funding

Part of the President's proposed six-year surface transportation reauthorization for 2012 is almost \$766 million for rural transit funding, a 43% increase over 2010 levels. Although the proposal calls for many structural changes, 5311 funding still would be distributed under similar rules.

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