

#### **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 S90
- Runner-Up: \$250 American Express Gift Cheque.

Please submit your photo in a digital format to us at <u>info@nationalrtap.org</u>. Please see our <u>press release here</u> for more information.

### Applications are Being Accepted for Rural and Tribal Technical Assistance

Created by the USDA and administered by CTAA, the Rural and Tribal Passenger Transportation Technical Assistance Programs provides technical assistance for small communities of less than 50,000 people. The focus of the program is economic development: helping small and emerging businesses and stimulating economic development through new and improved public transportation. Click here for more information.

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

recently released a series of Topic Guides on Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transportation. The next webinar, *Origin to Destination Service in ADA Paratransit* will take place on February 8<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. EST. Register here.

# 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 February 18, 2011. For more information and to apply please go

to:http://yosemite.epa.gov/ochp/ochpweb.nsf/content/grants.htm.

## Sign Up to Receive Announcements Regarding Funding Availability

FTA has added links to its grant programs pages so users can sign up to receive announcements regarding notices of funding availability, award announcements and other significant program information. Click the email update tab at the top of the grant program page(s) to start receiving updates.

# 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 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 <a href="mailto:info@nationalrtap.org">info@nationalrtap.org</a> or call 888-589-6821 to order.

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