



## eNews

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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 S90
- 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.

### **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>.

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

### **Easter Seals Project ACTION Announces Two New Free Audio Conferences for February and March.**

- [Deviated Fixed-Route and Demand-Response Service: Creating Solutions in Rural and Small Urban Communities](#) will focus on the importance of a strong connection between transit and disability groups. Registration deadline: February 7 for February 16<sup>th</sup> audio conference at 2:00 EST.

- [\*\*Planning for the Accessibility of Livable and Sustainable Communities\*\*](#) Representatives from the U.S. Department of Transportation, including the Federal Transit Administration, will discuss their work to promote the creation of community connections to housing, employment and economic development through accessible transportation. Registration deadline: February 28, for March 9<sup>th</sup> audio conference at 2:00 EST.

### **FTA 1201c Webinars Coming Soon**

FTA will be holding webinars for ARRA grantees on Section 1201c reporting on January 27th, 28th and 31st. Please see [http://www.fta.dot.gov/index\\_9440.html](http://www.fta.dot.gov/index_9440.html) for details.

### **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 [info@nationalrtap.org](mailto:info@nationalrtap.org) or call 888-589-6821 to order.

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