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Rural Transit Assistance Program



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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.

Please see our [press release here](#) for more information.

Register Now for APTA's Free Webinar on Funding Transit for Older Riders

APTA has scheduled a free, hour-long webinar, "Funding the Public Transportation Needs of an Aging Population" for Wednesday, March 9, at 2 p.m. Eastern. The program will examine ways that public transportation agencies can prepare for the increasing demand for services resulting from the growing number of older Americans. Topics will include improvements to vehicles, planning, operations, rider information and outreach; more targeted, flexible services; and universal design. [Click here to register.](#)

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 will be on Telephone Hold Time in ADA Paratransit on January 11th from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. EST. [Register here.](#)

Applications are Due January 31 for ESPA's Accessible Transportation Coalitions Initiative

This one-year, facilitated process is designed for local and regional teams that wish to improve accessible transportation options for people with disabilities. The coalition should be prepared to implement the objectives and steps in their plan, expand the coalition as needed to get the work done, revise the plan to reflect real life efforts in the community, and share successes, challenges and solutions with ESPA. Program information and application materials are available on the [Easter Seals Project ACTION web site here.](#)

National RTAP Recently Released the Newly Revised Emergency Procedures for Rural Transit Drivers

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 or call 888-589-6821 to order.

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