



June 9, 2011. 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.

### **National RTAP Recently Released Website Builder**

Our website templates have all of the features you need to build and manage a great looking website--all designed via familiar web-based tools--no programming or HTML knowledge is needed. Create pages using text, images, links and even add video to your site. Click here to see more, including a how-to video to help you get started.

## FTA Announced \$3 Million for "Innovative Workforce Development" Program

On June 9, Ray LaHood announced \$3 million from the Federal Transit Administration to support programs around the country that train, hire, develop and retain transit workers. A complete list of successful proposals <u>can be found here</u>, and includes rural transit systems in South Dakota and Pennsylvania. Congratulations!

# The Obama Administration Established the First White House Rural Council

The White House Rural Council will coordinate programs across the government to encourage public-private partnerships to promote further economic prosperity and quality of life in rural communities nationwide. The council will focus on job creation, technology, education, infrastructure and more to ensure that America's rural communities are repopulating, self-sustaining and thriving economically. Please click here for more information.

#### FHWA has Developed New Scenario Planning Tools

Scenario planning is an analytical tool that can help transportation professionals prepare for the future by analyzing various factors such as transportation, health, economic, environmental and land use issues that affect regions or communities. Planning tools offered include workshops, webinars, and peer exchanges. For more information on the Federal Highway Administration's scenario planning training opportunities, please click here.

# Order National RTAP's 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 or call 888-589-6821 to order.

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