

# National RTAP



Rural Transit Assistance Program

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September 15, 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.

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## **National RTAP is Soliciting Nominations for Review Board Members**

National RTAP's work is guided by a Review Board composed of representatives of rural and Tribal transit operators and State transit agencies. We have several upcoming vacancies on the National RTAP Review Board. The term of office is for three years beginning in the spring of 2012. National RTAP is soliciting nominations for several state transit officials (5311 or RTAP managers are eligible to be nominated) and several rural or Tribal transit providers. Any group or individuals involved in rural transit are encouraged to nominate a representative to the board. An individual may nominate him/herself for consideration. To apply and for more information about the responsibilities of Review Board members and the selection process, [please click here](#).

## **President Obama Announces \$50 Billion for Transportation in the American Jobs Act**

More than \$50 billion dollars would become available for transportation if the American Jobs Act passes, including \$9 billion for urban and rural programs. \$5 billion from the infrastructure bank would become available for TIGER and TIFIA grants. [Click here for a fact sheet on the complete proposal](#).

## **Creative Solutions to Reduced Funding for Public and Human Services Transportation**

The National Consortium on Human Service Transportation Coordination is holding a webinar to assist national organizations, states and communities during these fiscally challenging times. There will be representatives of communities that have taken different approaches to solving or alleviating the problem of cutbacks as well as a panel representing national organizations. [Click here to register](#).

## **NCST Presents a New Product, Research to Practice: Driving Cessation and Dementia**

This research-to-practice article provides insight into current knowledge about the transition from driving for older adults with dementia. This article was adapted from a review conducted in 2010 for the Alzheimer's Association as part of a National Highway Traffic Safety Administration-funded Driving and Dementia initiative. NCST partnered with the Alzheimer's Association to provide information, resources and expertise about driving and senior transportation issues. [Please click here to review or order this new product](#).

## **Tribal Transit Program Submissions Due September 26, 2011**

FTA has made more than \$15 million available for Public Transportation on Indian Reservations Program (Tribal Transit Program). Complete proposals are due on [Grants.gov](#) by September 26, 2011. Instructions for applying can be found on [FTA's website here](#). For more information, please see the [Notice of Funding Availability here](#).

**Save the Date for the National RTAP / FTA / NTTA Training and Technical Assistance Conference**

**& Rodeo 2012!**

The conference and rodeo will take place March 18-21, 2012 at the Radisson Fort McDowell Resort in Scottsdale, Arizona. The conference agenda will be coming soon and will be posted on

[www.nationalrtap.org](http://www.nationalrtap.org). Visit the website or call 888-589-6821 for updates.

**Order National RTAP's Customer Driven Service**

*Customer Driven Service* is a training module that focuses on teaching transit staff that interact with customers the importance of customer service, as well as providing them with the tools and training they need to provide excellent customer service regardless of the situation or who the customer may be.

The free, newly revised 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.

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**Product Spotlight: National RTAP's Essential Skills for Trainers Module**

The *Essential Skills for Trainers* module can be used in two ways: as a course that will teach you important principles and techniques of training, or as a manual that will take you through the steps of preparing to conduct your next training session. The program explores a number of topics, including what makes training effective, how to work with adults and groups, what your job as a trainer involves, and how to use training activities and materials. The module comes with a Participants Workbook and disc, and a Facilitator's Guide. Email [info@nationalrtap.org](mailto:info@nationalrtap.org) or call 888-589-6821 to order.

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