

National RTAP



Rural Transit Assistance Program

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September 29, 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 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](#). If you are at APTA's EXPO October 3-5, visit us at booth # 2413 for more information and a nomination form.

US DOT Finalizes Use of New CCF Form for Drug Testing

The US DOT has authorized the use of the new CCF form for drug testing, beginning October 1, 2011. All urine specimens collected under the DOT drug testing regulation, 49 CFR Part 40, must be collected using chain-of-custody procedures. For more information about this change, including various questions posed to the DOT regarding collection issues and procedural problems, please see the [Federal Register here](#).

TIGER Pre-Application is Open

US DOT is authorized to award \$526.944 million in TIGER Discretionary Grants, and pre-applications are due on October 3, 2011. The final application period opens on October 4, 2011, and ends on October 31, 2011. Prospective applicants are encouraged to look through Frequently Asked Questions, webinars and other guidance at the Application Resources page, [found here](#).

President Obama Extends Highway & Transit Program Authority

President Barack Obama signed into law a six-month extension of federal highway and transit programs, paid for by the Highway Trust Fund. Highway and transit programs were scheduled to lapse Sept. 30. The measure, known as Public Law 112-30 ([full text here](#)) is the eighth short-term extension of the 2005 surface transportation authorization, "SAFETEA-LU," which originally expired Sept. 30, 2009.

Free Webinar: Public Involvement in the Transportation Planning Process

The National Center on Senior Transportation and Easter Seals Project ACTION are pleased to host the free webinar, Public Involvement in the Transportation Planning Process, on Wednesday, October 12, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. Eastern. An increasing emphasis has been placed on public involvement in transportation planning, as well as a requirement for coordination among programs receiving specific

federal funds for transportation. This event is designed for transportation advocates who want to come to the table better informed and better prepared. For more information, and to register for this event by October 7, 2011, [please click here](#).

NTI's Hosts Small Systems Waiver Webinar and NTD Rural Reporting Webinars

The Small Systems Waiver Webinar cover which systems are eligible for this waiver, what requesting this waiver means for your system, and the pros and cons of doing so. It will be held October 17, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. eastern. [Please click here for more information](#).

Register now for the National Transit Institute's Rural NTD Webinars, which covers all aspects of Rural National Transit Database reporting. The webinars will be held October 19, 2011 and November 3, 2011, both at 2:00 p.m. Eastern. [Click here for more information](#) on the Rural NTD webinar.

Save the Date for the National RTAP / FTA / NTTA Training and Technical Assistance Conference & Roadeo 2012!

The conference and roadeo 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. 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 Risk Management for Rural Transit Systems

The *Essential Skills for Trainers* module will take managers through a system-wide approach to protecting the human and capital assets that are at the heart of their transit service. It offers a step-by-step process of risk management while helping to recognize areas of risk that are part of most rural transit operations. The module comes with a Training Guide, a Resource Handbook, and a video.

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