

# National RTAP

*Federal Transit Administration (FTA)  
National Rural Transit Assistance Program (RTAP)*

## What's New:

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**August 13, 2006**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS:  
DVD Training Module on  
*Roles & Responsibilities of Rural Transit Board Members***

**Submission Deadline is September 8, 2006**

The National Rural Transit Assistance Program (RTAP) is seeking proposals for the design and production of an interactive DVD and workbook training package on the Roles and Responsibilities of Rural Transit Agency Board Members. This project will consist of updating an existing training package, including revision and updating of written materials and production of a new DVD-video components.

[Download RFP and Submission Instructions.](#)

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**POSITIONS OPEN For National RTAP Review Board Representatives**

**Submission Deadline is August 18, 2006**

This year the National Rural Transit Assistance Program (RTAP) has 2 State DOT vacancies on the RTAP National Program Review Board. The term of office is for three years beginning October 2006. The Review Board provides the National Program with guidance on priority needs in the areas of training material development, information dissemination and technical

assistance; oversee the quality of National Program products and services; and promote the National Program to states and operators.

Membership terms are for three years and applicants must be from a state transit agency that administers Section 5311 funds. Individuals must be able to attend the two official Board meetings each year (October & April); including the next meeting **October 19-21, 2006** in Stevenson, Washington.

[Download Application & Instructions.](#)

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## **Call for Nominations for National RTAP Achievement Awards**

### **Submission Deadline is September 1, 2006**

The National Rural Transit Assistance Program (RTAP) “Achievements in Rural Transit Assistance” awards recognize outstanding RTAP State Programs, products and services that are industry benchmarks and replicable by others. There are two categories for awards: *Outstanding State Program* and *Outstanding Product or Service*.

[Download Nomination Form & Guidelines.](#)

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## **2006 Institute for Transportation Coordination**

The Community Transportation Association of America (CTAA) will hold the 2006 Institute for Transportation Coordination will be held July 31-August 3 at the Renaissance Hotel in Washington D.C. Twenty teams from across the country will engage in an intensive training and planning forum to enhance the capacity of communities to provide cost-effective and customer-focused transportation services by coordinating funding, information, services, and equipment. The For more information, visit: [www.ctaa.org/ntrc/institute.asp](http://www.ctaa.org/ntrc/institute.asp)

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### **NEW! National RTAP Training Resource Catalog NEW!**

The National RTAP Program is proud to unveil the National RTAP Training Resource Catalog. You can access the catalog by using the link on the left side of this page or go to:

<http://www.nationalrtap.org/ResourceCatalog/>

The catalog is an excellent resource when you're looking for the latest training available. The catalog provides you with the ability to search more than 650 training resources. You can search by resource name, type, subject, author, agency, or keyword. The output of your search will tell you about each resource (i.e. how to access the resources, how much it might cost etc). You also have the option to update the materials in the catalog. So be sure to search through the catalog and find your own resources that might be available and make sure all the information is correct.

In order to keep the catalog up to date and relevant we vitally need your help. You have the capability to add new resources to the catalog. We hope you will take the time to add any resources that you might have available. The intent of this catalog is to keep it as a living document - ever growing in size and relevance. So be sure to come back often as new resources will be added.

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### **FTA Emphasizes *United We Ride***

*United We Ride* -- a new five-part initiative-- to break down the barriers between programs and set the stage for local partnerships that generate common sense solutions and deliver A-plus performance for everyone who needs transportation.

The *United We Ride* initiative includes:

- *A Framework for Action*. Created by a panel of experts from around the country that convened in August 2003, this publication is a self-assessment tool that States and communities can use to identify areas of success and highlight the actions still needed to improve the coordination of human service transportation.
- *State Leadership Awards*. These initial awards have recognized a select number of States that have accomplished significant progress in human service transportation coordination.
- *National Leadership Forum on Human Service Transportation Coordination*. This conference, held in late February 2004, brought together Governor appointed senior leadership teams seeking to raise the visibility of the issue among State leaders and secure commitments to action. The forum was used to provide technical assistance, as well as to recognize those States that have already taken significant steps to improve human service transportation services.
- *State Coordination Grants*. States participating in the United We Ride National Leadership Forum will be eligible to submit an application for State Coordination Grants, to address gaps and needs related to human service transportation in their geographic regions.
- *Help Along the Way*. This ongoing technical assistance program will build on the work of the Community Transportation Assistance Program (CTAP), the Rural Transportation Assistance Program (RTAP), Easter Seals Project ACTION and other stakeholders to provide hands-on assistance to States and communities in the development and delivery of coordinated human service transportation programs.