

National RTAP

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

What's New:

May 27, 2002

Would you like to see the latest in hybrid diesel/electric buses? And other alternative fuel buses? then go to:

Tour de Sol: The Great American Green Transportation Festival
May 12-18, 2002

FTA Announces 2002 Emergency Preparedness and Security Regional Forums

FTA, along with the Federal Railroad Administration and APTA, is offering free

2-day "Connecting Communities: Emergency Preparedness and Security Regional Forums" to transit and emergency response agencies. Forums will include hands-on exercises including discussions, emergency scenarios, group breakout sessions and instructor-led presentations.

The forums are designed for state and local emergency management coordinators, transit managers, transit security personnel, fire response and police personnel, emergency medical services, and hospital disaster relief coordinators.

For more information about the forums, go to:

<http://www.transit-safety.volpe.dot.gov/training/conferences.asp>

Over the Road Bus Accessibility Grant Solicitation for Grant Applications

The Federal Transit Administration announces the availability of funds in FY 2002 for the Over-the-road Bus Accessibility Program (OTRB), authorized by Section 3038 of TEA-21. The OTRB Accessibility Program makes funds available to private operators of over-the-road buses to finance the incremental capital and training costs of complying with DOT's over-the-road bus accessibility final rule, published in a Federal Register notice on September 24, 1998. The OTRB Accessibility Program calls for national solicitation of applications, with grantees to be selected on a competitive basis.

The complete announcement is available on the internet on the FTA website at <http://www.fta.dot.gov/library/legal/federalregister/2002/index.html>. FTA will announce final selections on the website and in the Federal Register.

Application Dates:

Complete applications for OTRB Accessibility Program grants must be submitted to the appropriate FTA regional office by the close of business June 14, 2002. The appropriate FTA regional office is that office which serves the state in which an applicant's headquarters office is located. FTA will announce grant selections in August 2002.

Job Access & Reverse Commute Solicitation for Grant Proposals

The Federal Transit Administration announces the solicitation of grant proposals for FY 2002 and 2003 funding provided under the Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) grant program. The FY 2002 DOT Appropriations Act provides \$125 million for the JARC program, the guaranteed funding level under TEA-21. In the FY 2002 Conference Report the appropriators indicated their desire for \$109,339,000 of this amount to be awarded to specified states and localities. These congressionally-specified areas were included in FTA's 2002 Annual Apportionment notice, published in the Federal Register on January 2, 2002. That notice can be found at <http://www.fta.dot.gov/library/legal/federalregister/2002/fr1202a.pdf>.

States, localities, and private nonprofit agencies listed in the report, along with States, localities, and private nonprofit agencies not so listed, must

follow the application procedures provided in this notice to apply for JARC funding. The guaranteed funding level for the JARC program is \$150 million for fiscal year 2003, the final year of the program under FTA's current authorizing legislation.

This announcement describes the conditions under which proposals will be received for the FY 2002 and FY 2003 JARC competitive grant program and the criteria that FTA will apply in evaluating project proposals. It includes all of the information needed to apply for JARC competitive grants.

The complete Federal Register announcement is available on the FTA website at <http://www.fta.dot.gov/library/legal/federalregister/2002/index.html>.

Application Dates:

All proposal applications for funding of continuation projects must be submitted to the appropriate FTA regional office and be received no later than June 7, 2002. Proposal applications for new projects must be submitted no later than July 8, 2002 but applicants must notify the appropriate regional office of their intent to apply for funding no later than June 7, 2002. The 60-day deadline will allow FTA to inform Congress of demands for FY 2003 funds before deliberation on FTA's fiscal year 2003 budget. The selection of projects to be funded will be announced upon completion of the evaluation process.

Community Transportation Association of America

presents:

EXPO 2002

Austin, Texas

May 19-24



The EXPO will offer a full day of Pre-EXPO training sessions (including two web-site only sessions!), their renowned 90-minute workshops, and two special conferences within EXPO - the *People, Jobs and Transportation: Mobility Management Conference* and *Health Care Transportation Conference*. Exhibit space is going fast for the always popular Trade Fair Floor and you'll not want to miss the Big Night Out - Texas Style. As in past years, the *Community Transportation National Rodeo* will start things off.

REGISTER TODAY!

The Transportation Research Board presents its 15th National Conference:

Fundamental Connections: Thinking Outside the Bus

The Lodge at Sawmill Creek
Huron, Ohio

October 27-30

REGISTER TODAY

All rural transit and intercity managers are encouraged to attend the conference.

Sponsored by:
Transportation Research Board

Co-sponsored by:
Federal Transit Administration
Ohio Department of Transportation

National RTAP is pleased to announce the publication of its latest training module:

**Introduction to Preventive Maintenance:
*An Investment that Pays Off***

Two copies are being sent to each state's RTAP manager. If you would like to receive a copy, contact your state RTAP manager or contact the National Transit Resource Center at 800-527-8279 or e-mail resources@ctaa.org