



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

What's New:

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National RTAP: 20 Years & Still Rolling

National RTAP celebrates its 20th Anniversary this year. To commemorate this occasion, National RTAP commissioned a retrospective film on the history of RTAP over the last 20 years. This movie premiered at CTAA Expo in Reno, NV. Happy birthday RTAPers! Follow the link below to see the movie.

[View 20th Anniversary Film](#) (Hi-Res .wmv)

National RTAP at CTAA Expo

National RTAP held a successful information sharing roundtable session for state RTAP managers, state transit association representatives and local operators at CTAA Expo in Reno, NV. Attendees participated in focused roundtable discussions on the current work of National RTAP and helped identify future work priorities. Attendees also heard updates on current in-development products, including the revisions of the STARTs, Roles of Transit Board Members, and Essential Duties of Rural Transit Dispatchers and Schedulers modules. Below is a link to the notes from this session.

[RTAP Roundtable Notes](#)

National RTAP Newsletter

The new quarterly National RTAP Newsletter was released in May 2007. Catch up on what's happening at National RTAP as well as some news from your fellow state RTAPs and local operators.

[Download Newsletter](#) (PDF)

New RTAP "Threat Vulnerability Toolbox" Training Module

The new RTAP "Threat Vulnerability Toolbox" training module will be released in December 2006. You can sneak peek video clips, download the workbook and visit the online vulnerability assessment tool used in the training [HERE](#).

National RTAP Training Resource Catalog

The National RTAP Training Resource 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 800 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.

You can access the catalog by using the link on the left side of this page or go to:

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

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.