

the State of Missouri constitute a disaster area as a result of damages caused by a tornado which occurred on July 4, 1995. Applications for loans for physical damage as a result of this disaster may be filed until the close of business on Sept. 14, 1995 and for economic injury until the close of business on April 15, 1996 at the address listed below: U.S. Small Business Administration, Disaster Area 3 Office, 4400 Amon Carter Blvd., Suite 102, Ft. Worth, TX 76155, or other locally announced locations.

The interest rates are:

	Percent
For physical damage:	
Homeowners with credit available elsewhere	8.000
Homeowners without credit available elsewhere	4.000
Businesses with credit available elsewhere	8.000
Businesses and non-profit organizations without credit available elsewhere	4.000
Others (including non-profit organizations) with credit available elsewhere	7.125
For economic injury:	
Businesses and small agricultural cooperatives without credit available elsewhere	4.000

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 279912 and for economic injury the number is 857200.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59002 and 59008).

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Philip Lader,

Administrator.

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Interest Rates

On a quarterly basis, the Small Business Administration publishes an interest rate called the optional "peg" rate (13 CFR 122.8-4(d)). This rate is a weighted average cost of money to the government for maturities similar to the average SBA loan. This rate may be used as a base rate for guaranteed fluctuating interest rate SBA loans. For the July-September quarter of FY 95, this rate will be 7/8 percent.

John R. Cox,

Associate Administrator for Financial Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Opportunity Development Missions for Intelligent Transportation System Project

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: The ITS Consortium, a contractor with the FHWA, is initiating a series of Opportunity Development Missions to assist minority businesses and educational institutions to become more involved in Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) projects as mainstream partners. The ITS Consortium, through an ongoing series of quarterly meetings held on the campuses of historically black colleges and universities, has provided ITS educational and outreach forums designed to create effective public and private partnerships. These efforts have allowed a number of minority businesses and educational institutions to move forward and develop relationships with major private and public sector organizations in the ITS field.

DATES: The forums are scheduled as follows:

1. August 17, 1995, 1 p.m.-4 p.m., Baltimore, MD
2. August 23, 1995, 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Schaumburg, IL
3. September 20, 1995, 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Hampton, VA
4. September 23-24, 1995, 8 a.m., Austin, TX.

ADDRESSES: The forums will be held at the following locations:

1. Baltimore, MD, Maryland State Highway Administration Hanover Operations Complex, 7491 Connelley Drive, Training Room of the Office of Traffic & Safety
2. Schaumburg, IL, Motorola Main Campus, Galvin Center, 1295 East Algonquin Road
3. Hampton, VA, Hampton University
4. Austin, TX (Please call the ITS Consortium for location.)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Victoria Fore, ITS Consortium, 122 C Street NW., Suite 820, Washington, DC 20001, (202) 639-1510, Fax: (202) 639-0297 or Beverly Russell, Federal Highway Administration, Intelligent Transportation Systems Joint Program Office, HVH-1, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590, (202) 366-2202, Fax: (202) 366-8712.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The objective of the ITS program is to apply advanced technology in the areas of information processing, communications, control, and electronics to improve safety, reduce congestion, increase mobility, reduce the energy consumption and environmental harm caused by transportation, and increase productivity. The ITS program also incorporates the use of strategic planning and innovative management practices at all levels of government to implement those initiatives which enhance our national surface transportation system, strengthen our economy, and benefit a broad range of users. In addition, the ITS program provides tools that can assist the nation in addressing current transportation problems, as well as future demands, through an intermodal, strategic approach to transportation.

The ITS Consortium's Opportunity Development Missions will consist of minority businesses and educational institutions visiting major private and public sector organizations that are actively involved in significant ITS initiatives. The objectives of these missions will be to:

1. Provide minority organizations with information and an "up-close" look at active ITS projects;
2. Introduce minority organizations to the key contacts and decision makers within the public and/or private sector organizations being visited;
3. Establish the foundation for minority organizations to become mainstream participants in ITS public/private partnerships; and
4. Identify contracting and other business opportunities for minority organizations and major private sectors pursue together. This will include product/service distribution and joint ventures.

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Rodney E. Slater,

Federal Highway Administrator.

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