

Technically eligible applications will be competitively reviewed according to the criteria stated in the Project Objectives, Goals, and Implementation (POGI) document.

VI. Award Administration Information

VI.1a. Award Notices

Final awards cannot be made until funds have been appropriated by Congress, allocated and committed through internal Bureau procedures. Successful applicants will receive an Assistance Award Document (AAD) from the Bureau's Grants Office. The AAD and the original grant proposal with subsequent modifications (if applicable) shall be the only binding authorizing document between the recipient and the U.S. Government. The AAD will be signed by an authorized Grants Officer, and mailed to the recipient's responsible officer identified in the application.

Unsuccessful applicants will receive notification of the results of the application review from the ECA program office coordinating this competition.

VI.2. Administrative and National Policy Requirements

Terms and Conditions for the Administration of ECA agreements include the following:

Office of Management and Budget Circular A-122, "Cost Principles for Nonprofit Organizations."

Office of Management and Budget Circular A-21, "Cost Principles for Educational Institutions."

OMB Circular A-87, "Cost Principles for State, Local and Indian Governments".

OMB Circular No. A-110 (Revised), Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and other Nonprofit Organizations.

OMB Circular No. A-102, Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants-in-Aid to State and Local Governments.

OMB Circular No. A-133, Audits of States, Local Government, and Non-profit Organizations

Please reference the following Web sites for additional information: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants>, <http://exchanges.state.gov/education/grantsdiv/terms.htm#article1>.

VI.3. Reporting Requirements

You must provide ECA with a hard copy original plus two copies of the following reports:

(1) Quarterly program and financial reports;

(2) A final program and financial report no more than 90 days after the expiration of the award.

Grantees will be required to provide reports analyzing their evaluation findings to the Bureau in their regular program reports. Please refer to Application and Submission Instructions (IV.3.d.3) above for Program Monitoring and Evaluation information.

All data collected, including survey responses and contact information, must be maintained for a minimum of three years and provided to the Bureau upon request.

All reports must be sent to the ECA Grants Officer and ECA Program Officer listed in the final assistance award document.

VI.4. Program Data Requirements

Organizations awarded grants will be required to maintain specific data on program participants and activities in an electronically accessible database format that can be shared with the Bureau as required. As a minimum, the data must include the following:

(1) Name, address, contact information and biographic sketch of all persons who travel internationally on funds provided by the grant or who benefit from the grant funding but do not travel.

(2) Itineraries of international and domestic travel, providing dates of travel and cities in which any exchange experiences take place. Final schedules for in-country and U.S. activities must be received by the ECA Program Officer at least three work days prior to the official opening of the activity.

VII. Agency Contacts

For questions about this announcement, contact: Carolyn Lantz, Program Officer, Youth Programs Division, Office of Citizen Exchanges (ECA/PE/C/PY), U.S. Department of State, SA-44, 301 4th Street, SW., Room 568, Washington, DC 20547, telephone: (202) 203-7505, fax: (202) 203-7529, e-mail: LantzCS@state.gov.

All correspondence with the Bureau concerning this RFGP should reference the above title and number ECA/PE/C/PY-05-57.

Please read the complete **Federal Register** announcement before sending inquiries or submitting proposals. Once the RFGP deadline has passed, Bureau staff may not discuss this competition with applicants until the proposal review process has been completed.

VIII. Other Information

Notice

The terms and conditions published in this RFGP are binding and may not

be modified by any Bureau representative. Explanatory information provided by the Bureau that contradicts published language will not be binding. Issuance of the RFGP does not constitute an award commitment on the part of the Government. The Bureau reserves the right to reduce, revise, or increase proposal budgets in accordance with the needs of the program and the availability of funds. Awards made will be subject to periodic reporting and evaluation requirements per section VI.3 above.

Dated: March 31, 2005.

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Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities; Request for Comments; Clearance of a New Information Collection; Freight Planning Noteworthy Practices

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The FHWA has forwarded the new information collection request described in this notice to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. We published a **Federal Register** notice with a 60-day public comment period on this information collection on August 10, 2004 (69 FR 48556). We are required to publish this notice in the Federal Register by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Please submit comments by May 9, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Eloise Freeman-Powell, (202) 366-2068, Office of Planning, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. Office hours are from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Freight Planning Noteworthy Practices.

Background: The FHWA plans to update its Freight Planning Web site by adding a new feature that will collect information and photographs about

freight planning activities from the FHWA's public sector partners. This information will be reviewed by the FHWA on a monthly basis to determine which project will be posted on the Web site as an informational and educational tool for the FHWA's public sector audiences that are engaged in freight planning activities and/or are beginning to develop their freight planning activities. State Departments of Transportation, metropolitan planning organizations, and local government agencies will provide a description of case studies on freight planning and implementation, which can include plans or projects, or both.

Respondents: State Departments of Transportation, metropolitan planning organizations, and local government agencies.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: It is estimated that each State Department of Transportation, metropolitan planning organization, and local government agency will spend about one hour to prepare and to provide their freight plans or projects to the FHWA. The estimated total annual burden is 60 hours.

Frequency: On-going basis.

ADDRESSES: You may send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention: DOT Desk Officer. You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) Whether the proposed collection is necessary for the FHWA's performance; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways for the FHWA to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways that the burden could be minimized, including the use of electronic technology, without reducing the quality of the collected information.

Privacy Act: Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (Volume 65, Number 70; Pages 19477-78), or you may visit <http://dms.dot.gov>.

Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1.48.

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Chief, Management Programs, and Analysis Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

Over-the-Road Bus Accessibility Program Grants

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration (FTA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of availability of fiscal year 2005 funds: solicitation of grant applications.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announces the availability of funds in fiscal year (FY) 2005 for the Over-the-Road Bus (OTRB) Accessibility Program, authorized by section 3038 of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (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, 49 CFR part 37, published in a **Federal Register** notice on September 28, 1998 (63 FR 51670). The authorizing legislation calls for national solicitation of applications, with grantees to be selected on a competitive basis. Federal transit funds are available to intercity fixed-route providers and other OTRB providers at up to 90 percent of the project cost.

In FY 2005, \$5,208,000 was appropriated for intercity fixed-route service providers and \$1,686,400 was appropriated for other over-the-road bus service providers.

This announcement is available on the Internet on the FTA Web site at: <http://www.fta.dot.gov>. FTA will announce final selections on the Web site and in the **Federal Register**. A synopsis of this announcement will be posted in the FIND module of the government-wide electronic grants Web site at <http://www.grants.gov>.

Applications may be submitted to FTA in hard copy or electronically through the GRANTS.GOV APPLY function.

DATES: Complete applications for Over-the-Road Bus (OTRB) Program grants must be submitted to the appropriate FTA regional office (see Appendix C) by June 6, 2005, or submitted electronically through the GRANTS.GOV Web site by the same date. Anyone intending to

apply electronically should initiate the process of registering on the GRANTS.GOV site immediately to ensure completion of registration before the deadline for submission. FTA will announce grant selections when the competitive selection process is complete.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The appropriate FTA Regional Administrator (Appendix C) for application-specific information and issues. For general program information, contact Blenda Younger, Office of Program Management, (202) 366-2053, e-mail: blenda.younger@fta.dot.gov. A TDD is available at 1-800-877-8339 (TDD/FIRS).

Overview Information

Federal Agency Name: Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

Funding Opportunity Title: Capital and Training Assistance Program for over-the-road bus accessibility.

Announcement Type: Initial announcement: notice of availability of fiscal year 2005 funds: solicitation of grant applications.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 20.518. Capital and Training Assistance Program for over-the-road bus accessibility.

DATES: Complete applications for Over-the-Road Bus (OTRB) Program grants must be submitted to the appropriate FTA regional office (see Appendix C) by June 6, 2005, or submitted electronically through the GRANTS.GOV Web site by the same date. Anyone intending to apply electronically should initiate the process of registering on the GRANTS.GOV site immediately to ensure completion of registration before the deadline for submission. FTA will announce grant selections when the competitive selection process is complete.

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