

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration****Sunshine Act Meetings; Unified Carrier Registration Plan Board of Directors**

**AGENCY:** Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of Unified Carrier Registration Plan Board of Directors Meeting.

**TIME AND DATE:** The meeting will be held on August 24, 2017, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Pacific Daylight Time.

**PLACE:** The meetings will be open to the public at the Double Tree Suites Doheny Beach, 34402 Pacific Coast Highway, Dana Point, CA 92629, and via conference call. Those not attending the meeting in person may call 1-877-422-1931, passcode 2855443940, to listen and participate in the meeting.

**STATUS:** Open to the public.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:** The Unified Carrier Registration Plan Board of Directors (the Board) will continue its work in developing and implementing the Unified Carrier Registration Plan and Agreement and to that end, may consider matters properly before the Board.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Avelino Gutierrez, Chair, Unified Carrier Registration Board of Directors at (505) 827-4565.

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Transit Administration****Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO): Solicitation of Project Proposals for the Passenger Ferry Grant Program**

**AGENCY:** Federal Transit Administration (FTA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announces the opportunity to apply for \$30 million in Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 Section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Program funds (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance #20.507) authorized for competitively selected passenger ferry projects. As required by Federal transit law and subject to funding availability, funds will be awarded competitively to

designated recipients or eligible direct recipients of Section 5307 funds to assist in the financing of capital projects to support existing passenger ferry service, establish new ferry service, and to repair and modernize ferry boats, terminals, and related facilities and equipment. FTA may award additional funding made available to the program prior to the announcement of project selections.

**DATES:** Complete proposals must be submitted electronically through the *GRANTS.GOV* "APPLY" function by 11:59 p.m. EDT October 23, 2017. Prospective applicants should initiate the process by registering on the *GRANTS.GOV* Web site promptly to ensure completion of the application process before the submission deadline. Instructions for applying can be found on FTA's Web site at <http://transit.dot.gov/howtoapply> and in the "FIND" module of *GRANTS.GOV*. The funding opportunity ID is FTA-2017-005-TPM-PF. Mail and fax submissions will not be accepted.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Vanessa Williams, FTA Office of Program Management, (202) 366-4818, or [Vanessa.williams@dot.gov](mailto:Vanessa.williams@dot.gov).

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**A. Program Description**

Section 5307(h) of Title 49, United States Code, as amended by the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST Act) (Pub. L. 114-94, Dec. 4, 2015), authorizes FTA to award funds through a competitive process, as described in this notice, for capital projects to improve the condition and quality of existing passenger ferry services, support the establishment of new passenger ferry services, and to repair and modernize ferry boats, terminals, and related facilities and equipment. FTA recognizes that passenger ferries provide critical and cost-effective transportation links in urban areas throughout the United States but face a critical backlog of state of good repair and safety investments.

**B. Federal Award Information 5307(h) Passenger Ferry Grant Program**

Federal transit law authorizes \$30 million in FY 2017 for passenger ferry grants under 49 U.S.C. 5307(h) (Ferry program). FTA may supplement the total available with future appropriations. FTA will grant pre-award authority to incur costs for selected projects beginning on the date that project selections are announced. Funds are only available for projects that have not already incurred costs and will be available for obligation until September 30, 2022. In FY 2015 and FY 2016, the program received 21 proposals from 10 states and the U.S. Virgin Islands requesting \$98.1 million in Federal funds. Eighteen projects were funded at a total of \$58.9 million.

**C. Eligibility Information***1. Eligible Applicants*

Eligible applicants under this program must be designated recipients or eligible direct recipients of Section 5307 funds, which include public entities engaged in providing a public transportation passenger ferry service in urbanized areas. If the recipient is eligible to receive 5307 funds, but does not currently have an active grant with FTA, upon selection, the recipient will be required to work with the FTA regional office to establish its organization as an active grantee. This process may require additional documentation to support the organization's technical, financial, and legal capacity to receive and administer Federal funds under this program.

*2. Cost Sharing or Matching*

Projects funded under the Section 5307(h) program are eligible for a maximum 80 percent Federal share, unless they qualify for one of the following exceptions:

The Federal share is 85 percent for net project costs for acquiring vehicles (including Clean-fuel or alternative fuel) that are compliant with the Clean Air Act (CAA) or compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990.

The Federal share is 90 percent for net project costs for vehicle-related equipment or facilities (including clean-fuel or alternative-fuel vehicle-related equipment or facilities) required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, or for purposes of complying with or maintaining compliance with the Clean Air Act.

The FTA considers vehicle-related equipment to be equipment on or attached to the vehicle. The award recipient may itemize the cost of specific, discrete, vehicle-related