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# Region IV Annual Bulletin

Newsletter of the  
**FTA Region IV**

Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North  
Carolina, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virgin Islands

## Message from the Regional Administrator

Greetings! To each of our Region IV stakeholders —**THANK-YOU**— for, once again, crossing the fiscal year “finish” line with great accomplishments! We awarded over \$1 billion for much needed transit projects across the Southeastern Region in FY 2012. The Region also fared extremely well in receiving a substantial percentage of FTA’s competitive, discretionary funding last fiscal year and I applaud your efforts in submitting quality projects. As you know, MAP-21 rests at the forefront in FY2013. We will be busy developing guidance, circulars, rule-makings, and outreaching to you and the transit industry as a whole to ensure the successful implementation of our new, two-year transportation authorization. This is a wonderful opportunity to shape how we advance transit going forward. MAP-21 authorized \$10.5 billion in FY13 and \$10.7 billion in FY14. Our work lies ahead of us.

While we continue to face challenges with the looming budget and sequestration concerns, we must not stop the important work that we do. My staff may be limited in its travel for now but limitless in our support to your organizations via conference calls and video-conferencing. Region IV has identified four primary goals for FY13. I ask that you join us in helping to achieve these goals and much more over the next eight months and into FY14:

1. Successful implementation of MAP-21;
2. Execution of our major transit projects; delivering them on-time and within budget;
3. Creatively building resources to work collaboratively; and
4. Developing plans and hosting a Regional Conference in early 2014.

*“Let us embrace the possibilities, overcome the challenges, and make a difference one step at a time.”*

Sincerely,  
Yvette G. Taylor, Ph.D.

## FY 2012 Discretionary Grants Selection

Region IV would like to CONGRATULATE the following grantees for their FY 2012 Discretionary Program Award! FY 2012 provided for very competitive discretionary programs for which the many Region IV grantees were selected, which are identified below. To date, the Bus and Bus Facility Livability, State of Good Repair, Clean Fuels, TIGER IV, Over the Road Bus and Veteran’s Transportation and Community Living Initiative Program awards have been announced.

As the grantees move toward project implementation, please work with your FTA planner or grants manager for any questions, concerns, or deviations of the selected projects. Again, Region IV congratulates you on being selected for FY 2012 Discretionary Funding! FTA Region IV looks forward to working with you on these projects!



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Awards continued  
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## FY 12 Discretionary Grants Selection

### FY 2012 Discretionary Grants Awards — Congratulations FTA Region IV Recipients!

#### Bus and Bus Facility Livability Program - \$125M — Nine projects in Region IV:

Montgomery, AL Bench and Shelter Purchase: \$120,000  
Broward County Transit, FL Tamarac Transit Bus Shelter Project: \$401,440.  
Hillsborough Area Regional Transportation Authority (HART), FL CNG replacement vehicles: \$4.0M  
Indian River County, FL Intermodal Transfer Center: \$1.15M  
Polk County, FL Bus Stop Accessibility Project: \$200,000  
Georgia Dept. of Transp. Vehicle Replacement: 137,600  
Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, KY Shelters, Bus Stops and Map Holders: \$57,776  
Fayetteville, NC Downtown Transit Center: \$8.0M  
South Carolina Dept. of Transp. Purchase of All-Electric Transit System: \$1.8M

#### Clean Fuels - \$51.5M – Six projects in Region IV:

Birmingham-Jefferson County Transit Authority, AL: \$2.5M  
Miami-Dade County, FL: \$2.5M  
Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA), GA: \$3.89M  
Transit Authority of River City, KY: \$4.36M  
Transit Authority of LFUCG, KY: \$34,000  
Nashville Metropolitan Transit Authority, TN: \$3.0M

#### State of Good Repair - \$650M – 19 projects in Region IV :

##### Alabama

City of Montgomery Vehicle Replacements: \$581,000

##### Florida

Central Florida Regional Transportation Authority (LYNX), FL Vehicle Replacements: \$3.36M  
City of Gainesville Fairbox Replacement and Maintenance Facility Replacement: \$15.87M  
Escambia County Vehicle Replacement and Safety and Scheduling Hardware/Software: \$1.05M  
Florida Dept. of Transp. Vehicle Replacements: \$1.90M  
HART Vehicle Maintenance Facility: \$4.7M  
Lee County Government Facility Replacement: \$5.0M  
Miami-Dade County Vehicle Replacement: \$10.0M  
Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority Vehicle Replacement: \$2.6M

##### Georgia

Chatham Area Transit Authority Vehicle Replacements: \$2.5M  
Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA) – Hamilton Bus Facility: \$6.843M

##### Kentucky

Transit Authority of Northern Kentucky CAD/AVL Replacement Program: \$1.2M  
Transit Authority of River City (TARC) – Transit Vehicle Replacements: \$4.0M

##### North Carolina

City of Charlotte Vehicle Replacements - \$4.0M  
City of Concord Vehicle Replacements - \$2.0M  
City of Rocky Mount Vehicle Replacements - \$80,000

##### Puerto Rico

Puerto Rico Highway and Transportation Authority (PRHTA) - PRIDE Phase II Replacement of Bus Maintenance Facility: \$4.0M

##### South Carolina

South Carolina Dept of Transp., McCormick County Senior Center Farebox Replacement: \$18,000

##### Tennessee

Tennessee Dept of Transp. Vehicle Replacements: \$10.00M

#### TIGER IV - \$500M – One project in Region IV:

South Florida Regional Transportation Authority — Fort Lauderdale Wave Streetcar: \$18.0M

#### Tribal Transit - \$15.5M – One project in Region IV:

Catawba Indian Nation, Transportation Services in York County and surrounding areas: \$350,000

#### Veteran's Initiative - \$30M – 13 grantees in Region IV:

City of Tallahassee, FL: \$50,000  
Jacksonville Transportation Authority, FL: \$50,000  
Lee County Government, FL: \$1.3M and \$50,000  
Pinellas County Metropolitan Planning Organization, FL: \$50,000  
Santa Rosa County Board of County Commission, FL: \$222,387  
St. Lucie County Board of County Commissioners, FL: \$404,000 and \$50,000  
Atlanta Regional Commission, GA: \$50,000  
Georgia Department of Transportation: \$160,000 and \$50,000  
Kentucky Transportation Cabinet: \$808,421 and \$50,000  
City of Fayetteville, NC: \$31,120 and \$15,560  
North Carolina Department of Transportation (Macon Co. Transit): \$459,873  
North Carolina Department of Transportation (Onslow United Transit System): \$57,136  
South Carolina Department of Transportation (Lowcountry COG): \$49,714

#### Over the Road Bus - \$8.8M – 10 grantees in Region IV:

Latin Express Service, Inc., FL: \$29,700  
Red Coach, Inc., FL: \$59,516  
American Coach Lines of Atlanta, GA: \$95,224  
Classic Bus Lines, FL: \$29,700  
Escot Bus Lines, FL: \$71,552  
Express Transportation, FL: \$25,834  
Treasure Coast Motor Coach, FL: \$32,146  
Southeastern Stages, GA: \$57,180  
T.R.Y. Inc, NC: \$30,075  
RLCL Acquisition, Inc.: \$67,250

#### Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in Parks - \$12M - Two grantees in Region IV:

Merritt Island NWR Planning Study for Transit to Refuge: \$100,000  
Guilford Courthouse National Military Park Multi-modal Improvements: \$120,844

## Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21)



On 06 July 2012, President Obama signed MAP-21, reauthorizing surface transportation programs for fiscal years 2013 and 2014. Each reauthorization amends the Federal Transit Laws codified in 49 USC Chapter 53. MAP-21 took effect on 01 October 2012.

FTA has maintained a separate section on the website specifically highlighting the changes from SAFETEA-LU to MAP-21, providing answers to FAQs and fact sheets for all programs authorized in MAP-21 and providing several valuable training webinars.

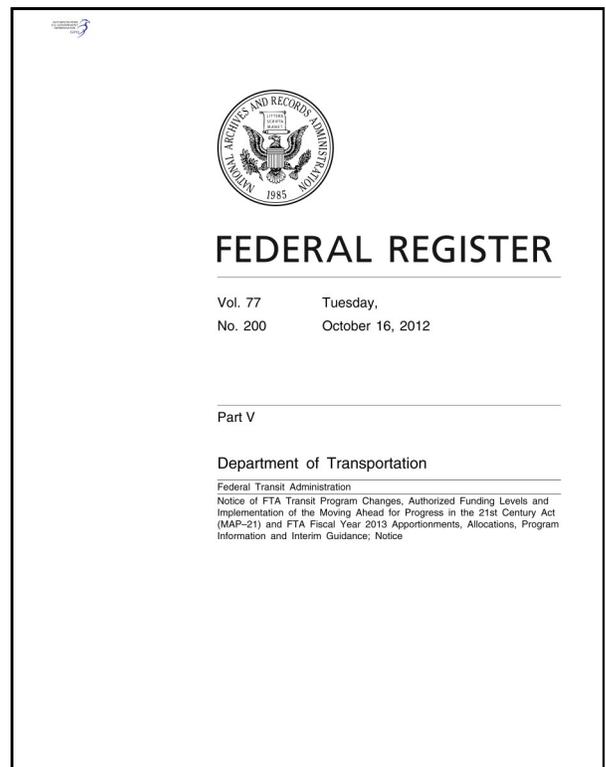
MAP-21 furthers several important goals, including safety, state of good repair, performance and program efficiency. MAP-21 gives FTA significant new authority to strengthen the safety of public transportation systems throughout the United States. The act also puts new emphasis on restoring and replacing our aging public transportation infrastructure by establishing a new needs-based formula program and new asset management requirements. In addition, it establishes performance-based planning requirements that align Federal funding with key goals and tracks progress towards these goals.

Furthermore, FTA has released the FY 2013 Apportionments, Allocations, Program Information and Interim Guidance under MAP-21. This notice provides preliminary implementation instructions and guidance for the new and revised programs in FY 2013, announces the partial apportionment for programs authorized and funded with FY 2013 contract authority and describes future plans for notice and comment for several programs. The notice also includes tables of unobligated (or carryover) funds allocated under the discretionary programs from prior years carried out in accordance with SAFETEA-LU or prior authorization acts. This guidance can be found at: <http://www.fta.dot.gov/grants/12853.html>

This interim guidance highlights important changes to FTA programs, including the new safety authority, the new asset management requirements, streamlining of the New and Small Starts Program, and the impact of the 2010 Census on apportionments for FY 2013. It describes definitional changes and cross-cutting requirements and identifies specific program information.

For each FTA formula program, FTA has provided information on MAP-21 authorized funding levels for FYs 2013 and 2014, which form the basis for apportionment of funds, and other program information. Additionally, there is a separate section that provides information on pre-award authority and other requirements and guidance.

Stay tuned for more guidance on implementing MAP-21 throughout the year.



## FTA Program Updates



### **New Starts Program**

On 09 January 2013, the final New Starts/Small Starts Rulemaking was released in the Federal Register. Several notable changes to the program have now been codified

through the new rulemaking. Those changes are:

- The addition of a new subpart for Small Starts.
- Changes to the project justification criteria and their calculation.
- Allowance for warrants and methods by which projects may pre-qualify based on a characteristics of a specific corridor.
- Discussion of the timing of ratings and re-ratings for projects.
- Clarification of various requirements and definitions.

Please find more information at FTA's New Starts website at:

[http://www.fta.dot.gov/planning/planning\\_environment\\_5221.html](http://www.fta.dot.gov/planning/planning_environment_5221.html) for any future updates.

### **Environmental Program Updates**

Region IV has two Environmental Protection Specialist positions, Dale Youngkin ([dale.youngkin@dot.gov](mailto:dale.youngkin@dot.gov)) and Stan Mitchell ([stan.mitchell.ctr@dot.gov](mailto:stan.mitchell.ctr@dot.gov)). They are available to participate in early discussions regarding the approach to NEPA such as the appropriate class of action, environmental scoping, and to provide technical assistance.

Remember to engage our office early to cooperatively determine the appropriate environmental action. We encourage grantees to use the beginning of the fiscal year to prepare the required environmental documentation for FTA review. The environmental documentation must be reviewed and approved by FTA in advance of seeking Federal funds for property acquisition or any construction related activities. Please allow 30 days for FTA to respond to all NEPA document submittals.

The FTA Region IV Grantee NEPA Resources link at [http://www.fta.dot.gov/region4\\_12134.html](http://www.fta.dot.gov/region4_12134.html) provides updated information on the new Section 106 worksheet, ACHP Section 106 flowchart, documented Categorical Exclusion and NEPA re-evaluation templates.

### **Civil Rights Program**

#### **New Title VI Circular**

The new Title VI Circular (4702.1B) went into effect October 1, 2012. The new circular provides guidance to grantees on how to comply with Title VI regulations, as well as how to ensure grantees provide meaningful language access to persons who are limited English proficient. The circular provides specific compliance information for each type of grantee (general requirements for all, larger than 200,000 people w/ 50+ fixed-route vehicles, State DOT's, and MPOs). Be sure to check out the appendices, which provide a useful checklist in Appendix A and various examples to ensure recipients understand the requirements. You can access the new Title VI Circular (4702.1B) and more information on this topic at FTA's Title VI page: <http://www.fta.dot.gov/civilrights/12328.html>.

#### **DBE Rule Changes**

The Office of the Secretary (DOT) has issued a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) (77 FR 54952, September 6, 2012). The NPRM proposes three categories of changes to improve implementation of the Department of Transportation's disadvantaged business enterprise (DBE) rule. First, the NPRM proposes revisions to personal net worth, application, and reporting forms. Second, the NPRM proposes modifications to certification-related provisions of the rule. Third, the NPRM would modify several other provisions of the rule, concerning such subjects as good faith efforts, transit vehicle manufacturers and counting of trucking companies.

For more information visit FTA's DBE page:

<http://www.fta.dot.gov/civilrights/12326.html>.



#### **Civil Rights Training**

Carlos Gonzalez joined FTA Region IV as their Civil Rights Officer on July 2, 2012. He joins FTA from FHWA, where he served as a Transportation Planner for 10 years. Mr. Gonzalez looks forward to working with Civil Rights staff throughout the region and would like to hear ideas about training possibilities. If you'd like to propose training or if you would like to share work accomplished by your agency with Region IV colleagues, please communicate via e-mail to [Carlos.Gonzalez3@dot.gov](mailto:Carlos.Gonzalez3@dot.gov). There are many knowledge-sharing opportunities that can be explored and we'd like to hear your thoughts.

## Planning and Program Development Updates

### TEAM and Grant Application Deadlines

Many of the grantees within Region IV will have carryover balances. Carryover balance notifications have been emailed to each of the grantees. You are encouraged to apply for this funding as soon as possible.

FTA staff requests that all lapsing grant applications be entered in TEAM and under FTA review no later than **30 April 2013**. Region IV's deadline for all lapsing grants is **28 June 2013**. Please ensure that your Civil Rights programs are current, including your Title VI and EEO plans along with your DBE program and goals.

### FTA Region IV Important Deadlines and Reminders for Grant Applications

|                          |   |
|--------------------------|---|
| 26 October 2012          | TEAM reopens: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update Recipient Information Screen, which includes contact info for agency personnel.</li> <li>Check the Civil Rights screen to prevent delays from lapsed/expired programs (attach any program updates in TEAM).</li> </ul>  |
| 03 January 2013          | Carryover and lapsing notifications emailed by FTA to grantees and cc to MPOs.  |
| 18 January 2013          | Response due to FTA regarding carryover and lapsing fund applications: Response should include a schedule for your applications and if grantee intends to lapse any funding.  |
| 30 April 2013            | Region IV lapsing grant deadline for all draft grants to be <u>entered</u> in TEAM and under FTA to review. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Following grantee ensuring that the draft application has been entered <u>accurately and completely</u>, please notify the FTA community planner to review the application.</li> </ul> |
| 15 May 2013              | Grantee to report most current status of lapsing funds grant applications.  |
| <b>28 June 2013</b>      | Region IV deadline for <b>ALL lapsing grants</b> . <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DOL can take up to 30-60 days.</li> <li>Following DOL certification, discretionary grants will be sent for Congressional Release.</li> </ul>  |
| June - July, 2013        | Reviewing and processing of current year and non-lapsing grant applications; discretionary grants in release.   |
| <b>31 July 2013</b>      | Region IV grant deadline for <b>ALL current year and non-lapsing</b> completed grant applications.  |
| August – September, 2013 | Obligations, Awards, and Execution of Grants.   |
| 23 September 2013        | Anticipated TEAM closing.   |

## Planning and Program Development



[Helpful Hints as you plan your Program of Projects and Grant Applications for FY 2013:](#)

**New Grant Applications vs. Grant Amendments:** When possible, FTA recommends that you determine if an amendment to ADD new funding is appropriate. Before entering a new application in TEAM, please discuss this possibility with your planner and/or grant representative.

**Project Eligibility:** If you are unsure if the proposed project or service is eligible after reviewing the program circulars, please consult your planner before entering it in a grant application, particularly with the New Freedom, Job Access Reverse Commute and several of the discretionary programs.

**Environmental Coordination and Approval:** If you are planning to pursue any facility-related projects (e.g. shelters, administrative and/or maintenance facilities) to include rehabilitation, engineering and design, construction, or land acquisition, please make sure you contact your planner as soon as possible to determine the appropriate level of environmental documentation that will be required. This requirement must be met PRIOR to applying for a grant application to support these activities.

**Flex Funds and Transfers:** If you are requesting funds to be transferred from FHWA to FTA, please contact Marie Lopez at [marie.lopez@dot.gov](mailto:marie.lopez@dot.gov) to request a draft grant number before making your request to the MPO. Please be sure and identify the specific highway program from which you will be requesting the transfer. Keep both your planner and Marie Lopez informed on the status of that transfer as it goes from the MPO, to the DOT, to FHWA, and ultimately to FTA. The draft number should be contained on all fund transfer documents.

## FY 2013 Certifications and Assurances

The FY 2013 Certifications and Assurances were published in the Federal Register on 13 February 2013. Grantees are expected to pin these in TEAM within 90 days from the date they are published. The Federal Register notification containing the FY 13 Certifications and Assurances may be found at: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-02-13/pdf/2013-03335.pdf>

Please note that grantees will notice two required signatures when completing their FY 2013 Certifications and Assurances submissions, one for an “official” representative and one for an “attorney”. It is common for only one of the grantee’s employees to have TEAM access, with that employee typically signing the Certification and Assurances both as “attorney” and “official”.

The preferred signature method is two-fold. First, the party verifying the completion of the Certifications and Assurances as the grantee’s official representative should sign the document in TEAM as the “official”. The “attorney” signature should normally be executed by the attorney for the grantee who has reviewed the Certifications and Assurances on behalf of the grantee and verified legal compliance. If the “official” and “attorney” signatures are signed by the same person, FTA requests that the grantee provide a brief letter verifying that an attorney reviewed the Certifications and Assurances submitted by the grantee and apprised the grantee of FTA’s regulatory requirements as described in the Certifications and Assurances. This letter should be added in TEAM by the grantee.



### Establishment of Emergency Relief Docket

FTA has establishing an Emergency Relief Docket for calendar year 2013 so grantees and subgrantees affected by national or regional emergencies may request relief from FTA administrative and statutory requirements.

For more information please see the Federal Register notification at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-02-15/pdf/2013-03616.pdf>.



## United We Ride

One Vision **1** One Call  
Coordinating Human Service Transportation

A new United We Ride (UWR) Program will be implemented over the coming months and will replace the previous Ambassador Program. The Ambassador Program expired on 31 December 2012. A joint award for the new program was announced to CTAA, Easter Seals and APTA. The new program will create a new center for mobility management. This center will focus on creating peer groups amongst industry experts. Additionally, this new program will extend technical capacity experts to all recipients of the Veterans Transportation and Community Living Initiative (VTCLI) grants. The technical capacity liaisons will be in contact with all VTCLI recipients to assist on an as-needed basis.

Region IV continues to conduct UWR Quarterly Calls with FTA Headquarter Staff participation. These calls are important to disseminate important FTA updates, United We Ride program updates, as well as an information sharing time for our Region IV grantees.

Dates and the call-in number for the FY 2013 Region IV UWR calls are below:

Tuesday, March 12, 10AM EST  
Tuesday, June 11, 10AM EST  
Tuesday, September 10, 10AM EST  
Tuesday, December 10, 10AM EST

Call-in Number: 877.873.8017  
Access Code 9726240

### New Grantee Information

Robert Buckley is the Grantee Coordinator in Region IV. If you or an agency you know is interested in becoming a new grantee, please contact Robert Buckley.

Our New Grantee Handbook is also available on our Region IV website: [http://www.fta.dot.gov/region4\\_7507.html](http://www.fta.dot.gov/region4_7507.html)



## TEAM Training

Last year FTA Region IV developed a series of TEAM training webinars to provide a better understanding of the TEAM system and FTA's requirements in that system. Since the TEAM training has begun, more than 500 TEAM users in the Region IV area have been instructed. These training sessions will continue into this year. In addition, FTA Region IV is currently working to update those webinars and potentially develop additional trainings and tools to continue providing guidance to Region IV grantees on the requirements of the TEAM system.

Additionally, FTA has been involved in the development of our new Grants Management System and replacement for the TEAM system. This new system will be referred to as TRAMS. Full implementation is not expected until winter 2014. Training outreach efforts will be conducted in conjunction with this new grants management system.

Dates and locations for the TEAM training are yet to be determined, but will be provided on the TEAM Training website as they are scheduled:  
[http://www.fta.dot.gov/region4\\_12240.html](http://www.fta.dot.gov/region4_12240.html)

For any questions, feel free to contact Robert Buckley at [Robert.Buckley@dot.gov](mailto:Robert.Buckley@dot.gov) or 404-865-5618.

## Planning Certification Reviews

Region IV has identified seven Planning Certification Reviews for FY 2013. Transit agencies are reminded that they are expected to participate in these certification reviews. Both FHWA and FTA staff will be present for the reviews, based on funding availability. Please ensure that your agency participates in these reviews. The following urbanized areas are scheduled for a review: Savannah, GA, St. Lucie/Martin County, FL, Tampa, FL, Sarasota, FL, Gulf Coast, MS, Chattanooga, TN and Huntsville, AL. Additional certification reviews have not yet been scheduled.

## Program Management

The Office of Operations and Program Management (OOPM) staff would like to thank everyone for their responsiveness to our inquiries on a vast array of elements. The annual newsletter provides a good opportunity to offer a brief overview of the upcoming activities in FY 2013.

### TEAM Federal Financial Report (FFR) and (MPR)

As a reminder, Quarterly FFRs and MPRs are due 30 days after the end of the quarter for ALL:

- 1) Active grants made to grantees in areas over 200,000;
- 2) ARRA grants; and,
- 3) Section 5309 grants (regardless of UZA size). Please be sure to update expired milestones and provide narrative progress reports. For more information on these reports and what they contain, please visit FTA Circular 5010.1D or contact your program manager.



For areas under 200,000, annual FFRs and MPRs are due for all of your other grants (non-ARRA, non-5309) no later than October 30.

### ARRA Reporting and Oversight

Now that all of the ARRA dollars have been obligated, grantees are reminded to implement projects on schedule and continue reporting per the statutory deadlines. We continue to provide ARRA oversight and our ARRA engineers will be working with you throughout the year on the implementation and oversight of your projects. We would like to see these projects completed and grants closed by the **end of September 2013**. For more on ARRA reporting, please visit:

[http://www.fta.dot.gov/index\\_9440\\_10542.html](http://www.fta.dot.gov/index_9440_10542.html)

## Program Oversight Reviews

### Oversight Reviews

In FY 2013, we are anticipating having:

- 42 triennial reviews
- 28 financial reviews
- 14 procurement system reviews

FTA has revised its Triennial Review Process. The Triennial Workshops have not yet been scheduled but stand by for more information.

### Focus Areas for Oversight Reviews

- Financial,
- Procurement,
- Buy America,
- NTD, and;
- Preventive Maintenance



### Lessons Learned

We had a number of issues with the lack of Independent Cost Estimates, Price/Cost Analysis and questions about Change Orders over the past year. It is extremely important that you follow the guidance in the FTA Circular 4220.1F and/or contact your Program Manager for guidance early in the solicitation process. If not, this could impact the federal participation in your project. If you have questions, please contact your Program Manager early in the process so the eligibility for FTA reimbursements can be maintained.

### Oversight Workshops

The State Management Review Workshop has been temporarily postponed due to budget restrictions. Please stay tuned for future scheduling of the workshop.

### Inactive Grants Guidance

FTA's threshold for defining inactive grants has recently changed. Grants will be considered inactive if no disbursement has occurred within the last 12 months *and* the grant is older than three years.

### **NTI Oversight Training:**

National Transit Institute (NTI) will be hosting a number of courses this year in the region. Please check the website for the current class schedule. There are a number of classes in 2013 that you may be interested in attending. Also, the site is updated with new courses throughout the year.

You can register for any NTI class by going to the NTI website ([www.ntionline.com](http://www.ntionline.com)).

## Reflection and Final Thoughts

Below are few items of interest from the Region IV FTA staff. Please feel free to contact us with any questions concerning the following or visit the appropriate webpage for each listed below. We look forward to working with you in the coming year!

## FY 2012 Funding and Grants

FTA Region IV processed 423 grants in FY 2012, totaling approximately \$1.04 billion. Thank you for your continued partnership in obligating these dollars by the required deadlines. Below is a breakdown by state of the FY 2012 grant awards.

| FY 12 Grant Awards FTA Region IV |              |                           |                |                                |               |
|----------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------|---------------|
| State                            | Total Grants | Total Amount              | State          | Total Grants                   | Total Amount  |
| Alabama                          | 23           | \$48,780,710              | North Carolina | 68                             | \$130,875,079 |
| Florida                          | 111          | \$406,580,274             | Puerto Rico    | 22                             | \$51,617,809  |
| Georgia                          | 47           | \$184,175,752             | South Carolina | 46                             | \$54,053,542  |
| Kentucky                         | 37           | \$60,776,545              | Tennessee      | 56                             | \$77,820,043  |
| Mississippi                      | 11           | \$23,243,681              | Virgin Islands | 2                              | \$2,723,678   |
| <b>Totals</b>                    |              | <b>423 Grants Awarded</b> |                | <b>\$1,040,647,113 Awarded</b> |               |

## State Safety Oversight

MAP-21 places a greater emphasis on state safety oversight and provides for funding to carry out these critical functions. Grantees will be required to submit safety plans. With MAP-21, the FTA has more responsibility in regulating safety, managing assets, and integrating safety into every aspect of our Agency. We will have to certify State Safety Oversight (SSO) agencies and will be working closely with General Managers to ensure safety concerns are being addressed. The Region looks forward to establishing effective relationships with the SSOs to strengthen state oversight. While the FTA recognizes that our transit industry, statistically, is "Safe;" we want to make sure that our industry "Stays Safe." We will be developing a robust workforce with the necessary knowledge and experience and promoting a safety culture. Stay tuned.

## Annual 2013 State Programs Team Meeting

A special thank you to the State Departments of Transportation for participating in the annual State Programs Team Meeting held in Atlanta, Georgia from 30 Jan. to 01 Feb. 2013. Topics covered in the meeting included MAP-21, FTA program updates, several presentations of state-sponsored intermodal centers and Hurricane Sandy emergency relief efforts. The team meeting also featured a special tour of the CSX Redi Center in Atlanta.

## New Staff and Geographic Assignments

There have been several changes over the past year in Region IV with new hires and departures of staff. An updated organization chart and Region IV geographic assignment has been posted to the Region IV website at: <http://www.fta.dot.gov/about/region4.html> Choose "Organizational Chart" on the right-side menu bar.

### TEAM Grantee Tip

Please contact the appropriate planner for your particular geographic area to resolve any outstanding issues to ensure timely and prompt grant submission and award. For a current listing of planners and their geographic assignments, visit the FTA Region IV website.

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