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Subject: NTI Procurement Series - I - Orientation to Transit Procurement Course

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The National Transit Institute (NTI) will be sponsoring a FREE course (\$600 for consultants and contractors) titled **“Procurement Series – I – Orientation to Transit Procurement”** in the following cities:

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| Fort Lauderdale, FL | Jan 10-14, 2011 |
| San Bernardino, CA | Jan 24-28, 2011 |
| Chicago, IL | Jan 24-28, 2011 |
| Anchorage, AK | Apr 25-29, 2011 |

Seats frequently become available. We encourage you to download the Waiting List form on the web site and fax it in at 732-932-1707.

The first of a four-part series*, this four-day foundational course is an overview of transit procurement and emphasizes “best practices” for contract procurements by Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grantees. This revised procurement course will focus on good procurement business practices and policies from a broader industry perspective. The course introduces minimum standards for individual agency practices as described in the FTA Circular 4220.1F, and the Master Agreement and provides participants with a framework for examining basic issues pertaining to third-party contracting. This training covers the roles and responsibilities of contracting parties and will explore opportunities for teaming/partnering internally and with transit suppliers. Specific problem areas that may emerge during the procurement process will be identified and addressed. The Best Practices Procurement Manual and Circular 4220.1F are referenced throughout the course. This course is conducted utilizing exercises, case studies, and other interactive training activities.

***It is highly recommended that the four procurement courses be taken in the following order: Orientation to Transit Procurement, Basic Cost and Price Analysis and Risk Assessment, Request for Proposals (RFPs) and Competitive Contract Negotiations, and Contract Administration.**

Topics include, but are not limited to:

- Procurement “Best Practices”
- Teaming and Partnering
- Organization of the Procurement Function
- Functions and Principles of Procurement
- Acquisition Planning
- Option Year, Piggy-backing, and Cross-Border Leasing
- Writing Specifications and Statements of Work
- General Contract Provisions
- Procurement Integrity
- Debriefing and Protests
- FTA's Role in the Procurement Process

If you are interested in attending, please follow this link

<http://www.ntionline.com/CourseInfo.asp?CourseNumber=FP013> to see detail course description and register on line.

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Sincerely,



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