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Subject: 2014 Administrator's Awards - Request for Nominations

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Dear Grantees:

The 21<sup>st</sup> National Rural and Intercity Bus Conference will be held on October 26-29, 2014 in Monterey, California. It is customary that during this conference, the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Administrator presents an Administrator's Award for Outstanding Public Transportation Service in Rural Public Transportation. The 2014 conference theme is "Setting Our Course for the Future".

The solicitation for applications and information on the applications process is attached. Please note that the deadline for submission is **June 30, 2014**.

Questions may be addressed directly to Jennifer Stewart, Region 8 at 720-963-3317, [jennifer.stewart@dot.gov](mailto:jennifer.stewart@dot.gov) or Élan Flippin, at 202-366-3800, or [Elan.Flippin@dot.gov](mailto:Elan.Flippin@dot.gov).

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## **REQUEST FOR NOMINATIONS OF RURAL TRANSIT SYSTEMS FTA ADMINISTRATOR'S AWARDS**

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) invites your nominations of rural transit systems to be considered for the FTA Administrator's award for Outstanding Public Service in Rural Public Transportation. The awards will be presented at the 21st National Rural Public and Intercity Bus Transportation conference in Monterey, California, October 26-29, 2014.

### **“Ladders of Opportunity: Setting Our Course for a Brighter Future”**

Any local rural transit provider receiving assistance under Section 5311 may be nominated for the award. FTA will accept self-nominations, but encourages letters of support from the State transit association and/or State Department of Transportation. Nominations will be based on rural transit providers that will improve the mobility of Americans in rural areas, and allow them better access to employment and employment support services by providing “Ladders of Opportunity”.

Award recipients will be expected to attend the National Conference where they will be honored and will have an opportunity to share the secrets of their success with other conference attendees.

The nomination must include the following information:

- System's formal name, operating name (if different), address, contact person, and phone number
- Identification of the person who will represent the system at the rural conference (name, title, address, phone number, fax, email)
- Brief (not to exceed 2 pages) background information about the system (for example: history, service area and operating characteristic, fleet size, operating statistics, annual budget and Section 5311 funding)
- Brief (not to exceed 2 pages) description of the accomplishments deserving national recognition. Nominations must directly address ladders of opportunity for riders including:
  - Enhancing access to work for individuals lacking ready access to transportation, especially in low-income communities;
  - Supporting economic opportunities by offering transit access to employment centers, educational and training opportunities, and other basic needs;
  - Supporting partnerships and coordinated planning among state and local governments and social, human service, and transportation providers to improve coordinated planning and delivery of workforce development, training, education, and basic services to veterans, seniors, youths, and other disadvantaged populations.

Letters of support and marketing materials may be attached. Send five copies of the nomination and supporting material to your regional office by **June 30, 2014**, clearly marked **AWARD NOMINATION**. The regional office will make recommendations to headquarters. Upon receipt, the FTA Awards committee will review the nominations and make final recommendations to the Deputy Administrator. Recipients will be notified prior to the conference, but nominees should plan to attend.

**The Notification of Awardees is expected by September 2014.**