

**\*Applications due May 22, 2024!\***

## What is an ESMS?

An environmental and sustainability management system is a set of management processes and procedures that allows an organization to analyze, control and reduce the environmental impact of its activities, products and services, and operate with a greater efficiency and control. An ESMS is useful for organizations of any size in both the public and private sectors.

### The basic elements of an ESMS include:

- ✦ Identifying relevant environmental aspects and associated impacts
- ✦ Identifying objectives and goals
- ✦ Identifying compliance obligations
- ✦ Monitoring and measuring progress
- ✦ Ensuring employees' environmental awareness and competence
- ✦ Reviewing ESMS progress and making improvements

## What Are The Benefits?

An ESMS provides tools to help manage your organization's environmental impacts efficiently and to improve environmental stewardship across the entire organization.

### Benefits include:

- ✦ Reductions in environmental impacts, such as resources consumed, waste, and emissions
- ✦ Enhanced public image with system users and the general public
- ✦ Improved communications and cooperation through training and outreach
- ✦ Reinforcement of environmental processes currently in place
- ✦ Proactive management of environmental issues
- ✦ Captures employee knowledge ("institutional memory")
- ✦ Documentation of standard operating procedures
- ✦ Increased operational efficiencies

## FTA ESMS Training and Technical Assistance Program Format

The two-year program includes the following:

- ✦ **Baseline Environmental Review** at each participating transit agency facility (*Summer 2024*)
- ✦ **Three Virtual Workshops** (*Fall 2024 – Spring 2025*)
- ✦ **Gap Audit** conducted virtually for each participating transit agency (*2025*)
- ✦ **Final Audit** at each participating transit agency facility (*2025*)

## Participants

Each participating transit agency will identify a Core Team consisting of the following five members:

- ✦ Senior Executive
- ✦ Management Representative
- ✦ Environmental Champion
- ✦ Operations Manager/Superintendent
- ✦ Administrative/Executive Assistant

Teams may choose to add additional members to the Core Team as class space permits.

## Application Process

- ✦ Application instructions can be found at [this link](#)
- ✦ Applications are due May 22, 2024
- ✦ Selected agencies will be notified in June of 2024

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