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environmental & sustainability management system

No cost to participants. Applications due June 14, 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 June 14, 2024
- Selected agencies will be notified in July of 2024

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