

REQUEST FOR NOMINATIONS FOR FTA ADMINISTRATOR'S AWARDS TO OUTSTANDING RURAL TRANSIT SYSTEMS

Rural transit agencies: Apply now for the 2016 FTA Administrator's Award for Outstanding Public Service. The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) invites nominations from rural transit systems to be considered for the 2016 FTA Administrator's award for Outstanding Public Service in Rural Public Transportation. The awards will be presented at the 22nd National Rural Public and Intercity Bus Transportation conference, in Asheville, NC on October 2-5, 2016.

Mobility Connections: Bright Horizons, Rural Innovations, Transportation Solutions

Any local rural transit provider receiving assistance under FTA's Formula Grants for Rural Areas ([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 Departments of Transportation. Nominations will be based on rural transit providers that have improved the mobility of Americans in rural areas, providing them better access to employment, health care, and other community services.

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 how the system creates connections for riders including:
 - Enhancing access to work, health care, and other services for individuals lacking ready access to transportation, especially in low-income communities;
 - Supporting Rides to Wellness by offering transit access to health care and other community support services such as healthy foods, pharmacy, and other activities for veterans, seniors, youths, and other disadvantaged populations;
 - Supporting partnerships and coordinated planning among state and local governments and social, human service, and transportation providers to improve coordinated planning.

Letters of support and marketing materials may be attached. Send five copies of the nomination and supporting material to your regional office by May 15, 2016 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 Acting Administrator. Recipients will be notified prior to the conference, but nominees should plan to attend.

The awardees will be notified by July 15, 2016.

Questions may be addressed to your Regional office (see attached list) or Marianne Stock, at 202-366-2677, email Marianne.stock@dot.gov.

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