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Rick Krochalis, the Regional Administrator (RA) for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Region 10 office in Seattle, WA, has announced that he will retire on May 27, 2016. FTA is now actively recruiting his replacement based on the announcement below (which also includes recruitment for the open RA position for FTA Region 2 in New York, NY) and would like to get the widest possible distribution.

Deadline date for applications is April 4, 2016.

The job announcement as advertised is open for all US Citizens under FTA.SES-2016-0001. Follow the guidelines in applying for this position at:

<https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/431225700/>

The mission of the FTA's Regional Offices is to help provide and improve public transportation in America's communities. To accomplish this mission, FTA supports research, training and information dissemination, demonstration projects, and deployment programs aimed at increasing transit ridership, improving transit safety and security, increasing mobility and economic growth, and minimizing fuel consumption and air pollution. This executive position reports directly to the Executive Director and oversees the management and administration of the region with a focus on customer-responsiveness and organizational results.

The RA provides executive direction over the planning, grant making and project management functions and is responsible for the delivery of \$700 million annually in grant funds to a large number of public transit agencies. Additionally, they are responsible for managing all open grants, which could range from one year for an operating assistance grant, to up to eight years to construct complex transit improvements. The RA is responsible for overseeing these activities to ensure that the projects are well managed and the Federal funds are protected, while also serving as FTA's primary spokesperson, promoting new initiatives and programs mandated by FTA's Authorization Act.

The RAs for the New York and Seattle Regional Offices exercise executive direction over activities in the region to effectively promote implement, and administer FTA programs stemming from the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST). America's

transportation network is essential to the quality of life of our citizens and the productivity of the nation's economy. This expansive, national network provides all Americans – from those living in the largest cities to the smallest towns– with extraordinary freedom of mobility and unprecedented opportunity. The transit programs in the regions are characterized by the highest degree of complexity due to the number of person served:

- The type and number of ongoing projects;
- The involvement of large sums of money;
- The requirements of different transit needs;
- The involvement of a multiplicity of carriers and governmental jurisdictions; and
- The involvement of complex, novel, and politically sensitive cases.

The New York Regional Office manages a portfolio of about 45 grantees with more than 350 active projects representing a net federal investment of approximately \$11.5 billion. This office also includes the New York Metropolitan Office, which is comprised of staff from FTA and its sister agency, the Federal Highway Administration – New York Division Office, and is designed to facilitate direct federal assistance to transportation projects in New York City. The New York Regional office serves the area of New York and New Jersey.

The Seattle Regional Office includes 89 grantees, including 29 tribal governments, 9 active Capital Investment Grants (New Starts/Small Starts) with existing commitments, six transit rail systems under FTA safety oversight, and \$3.1billion obligated. This office has significant environmental protection responsibilities (endangered species and environments). They work with states, tribal organizations, and grantees to address some of the most unique, non-traditional solutions to meet the transportation needs of remote communities and tribal populations. The Seattle Region serves the Pacific Northwest area of the country which includes the States of Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington.

For further information, please contact Region 10's Rick Krochalis at 206-220-7957, or email rick.krochalis@dot.gov.

Sincerely,

R.F. Krochalis
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