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## **REGION 10 BULLETIN NO: 2016-21**

Subject: Notice of Funding Opportunity - Solicitation of Project Proposals for the Mobility on Demand Sandbox Demonstration Program

Date: May 3, 2016

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announces the availability of \$8 Million in Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 and FY 2016 research funds, for a new program to demonstrate and evaluate innovative approaches to integrated “Mobility on Demand” (MOD) solutions within a public transportation framework. The MOD Sandbox Demonstration Program is intended to provide a platform where integrated MOD concepts and solutions are supported and demonstrated through local partnerships in a real-world setting. FTA will fund project teams to adopt innovative business models to deliver high quality, seamless and equitable mobility options for all travelers. This notice can be found at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-05-03/pdf/2016-10320.pdf>.

The MOD Sandbox further emphasizes FTA’s interest in transit and mobility innovation, and builds upon FTA’s recent Expedited Public Transportation Improvement Initiative (XPEDITE) Innovation, which sought industry input through an online dialogue on transit innovation, particularly technology trends that increase public transportation efficiency, effectiveness and enhance the quality of customer travel.

This notice also includes:

1. Reference to a number of areas for demonstrations of particular interest to FTA (to be used to guide but not limit innovative proposal concepts),
2. Criteria that the FTA will use to identify projects for funding, and
3. Process for applying for the funding.

This announcement is available on the FTA website at <http://www.fta.dot.gov>. A synopsis of this funding opportunity will be posted in the FIND module of the government-wide electronic GRANTS.gov website at <http://www.grants.gov>. Instructions for applying can be found on FTA’s website at <http://www.fta.dot.gov/grants/13077.html>.

Complete proposals are due by **11:59 p.m. EDT on July 5, 2016**. All proposals must be submitted electronically through the GRANTS.gov “APPLY” function. Prospective applicants should initiate the process by registering on the GRANTS.gov site promptly to ensure completion of the application process before the submission deadline. FTA will announce final selections on the FTA website and may also announce selections in the Federal Register.

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Sincerely,

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