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Subject: Transit Asset Management Pilot Program

Program Area: Request for Proposals

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The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is soliciting proposals from public transportation providers, state Departments of Transportation (DOT), and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) - individually or in partnership - to demonstrate effective Transit Asset Management (TAM) systems and “best practices”, which can be replicated to improve transportation asset management at the nation’s rail and bus public transportation agencies. Public sector applicants may partner with asset management system suppliers; however the official proposer must be a public agency. The TAM pilot program is intended to address several public transportation asset management challenges identified in previous research by FTA¹. FTA contemplates making multiple cooperative agreement awards for TAM pilot projects to varied teams.

The total available funding for the TAM pilot program is \$3 million. FTA will award cooperative agreements, up to \$1 million each, to successful proposers for pilot projects that will demonstrate certain aspects of TAM systems. Successful TAM pilot projects will promote the use of advanced tools and practices throughout the public transportation industry. FTA is looking for innovative approaches to asset management using proven technology that will enhance the ability of public transportation providers, MPOs, and state DOTs to maintain their assets in a state of good repair and/or make more informed resource allocation decisions. Proposed solutions must be scalable and transferable such that they can be adapted by public transportation agencies and organizations of various sizes and modes.

Additionally, FTA seeks to provide technical assistance to public transportation agencies through written reports and technical knowledge to be provided under the cooperative agreements.

Proposals must be submitted electronically by January 18, 2011.

Proposals shall be submitted electronically to <http://www.grants.gov>. The web site allows organizations to find and apply for funding opportunities electronically from all Federal grant-making agencies and is the single access point for over 1,000 cooperative agreement programs

¹ National State of Good Repair Assessment, June 2010 and Transit Asset Management Practices—A National and International Review, July 2010.

offered by the 26 Federal grant-making agencies. Mail and fax submissions *will not be accepted* (excluding supplemental information which cannot be sent electronically).

The entire federal register may be found at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2010-11-19/pdf/2010-29176.pdf>.

Contact Aaron C. James, Director, Office of Engineering, 202-493-0107, aaron.james@dot.gov for proposal specific information and issues. For further information, contact Region 10's Steve Saxton at 206-220-4311 or email james.saxton@dot.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R.F. Krochalis". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

R.F. Krochalis
Regional Administrator