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Subject: 1<sup>st</sup> Technical Assistance Tribal Transit Conference and Rodeo

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The National Rural Transit Assistance Program (RTAP) and its partner organizations, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the National Tribal Transit Association (NTTA) will sponsor a national conference entitled the **“1<sup>st</sup> Technical Assistance Tribal Transit Conference and Rodeo – Creating Partnerships for Rural Transit Solutions”** on March 18–21, 2012 at the Radisson, Fort McDowell Hotel near Scottsdale, AZ.

A transit driver “rodeo” competition will be held on March 18th, 2012. The conference itself will open with an evening reception on March 18th, followed by conference sessions and a Exhibitor Expo March 19-21. The rodeo is open to drivers from Arizona transit systems and tribal transit systems nationwide.

Make history with us and join National RTAP, and the newly formed National Tribal Transit Association (NTTA) who are hosting their first national conference. This is also the first Tribal Transit Programs Meeting offered by FTA.

If you are an RTAP Manager, an FTA Tribal Transit Program (TTP) Grantee, or a Rural or Tribal Transit Manager – This conference is designed for you!

Our comprehensive conference program offers best practices, training and technical assistance opportunities including:

- Grants management workshops and other technical assistance sessions offered by FTA for recipients of Tribal Transit Program (Section 5311c) funding
- Training and technical assistance workshops and breakout sessions that highlight products and services offered by the National RTAP
- Breakout sessions that focus on issues of interest to Tribal Transit providers
- General sessions featuring guest speakers
- Networking events

To register, check out the agenda, or plan hotel reservations and travel plans, go to <http://www.ruralsolutionsconf2012.com>.

If you have questions about **conference agenda**, please contact the National RTAP Office, 888-589-6821, or email [info@nationalRTAP.org](mailto:info@nationalRTAP.org).

If you have questions about **conference registration**, please contact the DMP Group. 202-726-2630, or email [conference@nationalRTAP.org](mailto:conference@nationalRTAP.org). If you have any questions about the **Bus Rodeo**, please contact Dan Harrigan, Arizona DOT (and National RTAP Review Board member), 602-712-8232, or email [dharrigan@azdot.gov](mailto:dharrigan@azdot.gov). For **hotel room reservations\*** and **questions regarding the accommodations**, please contact Jennifer Pinegar, Reservations Manager, 480-789-5319, Toll Free at Radisson Worldwide Reservations 800-333-3333, or email [jpinegar@radissonfortmcdowell.com](mailto:jpinegar@radissonfortmcdowell.com).

\*When making reservations, individuals must identify themselves as a member of **National Rural Transit Assistance Program (NRTAP)** in order to receive the group rate.

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Sincerely,



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