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Subject: Solicitation of Grant Proposals for Over-the-Road Bus Accessibility Program

Program Area: Notice

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The U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announces the availability of funds in Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 for the Over-the-Road Bus Accessibility (OTRB) Program, initially authorized by Section 3038 of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21). The OTRB program makes funds available to private operators of over-the-road buses to finance the incremental capital and training costs of complying with U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) over-the-road bus accessibility regulation. The authorizing legislation calls for national solicitation of proposals, with grantees to be selected on a competitive basis. Program funds are available to intercity fixed-route providers and other OTRB providers at up to 90 percent of the project cost.

The Surface and Air Transportation Programs Extension Act of 2011, Public Law 112-30, continues the authorization of the Federal transit programs of the DOT through March 31, 2012, and provides contract authority for this program equal to approximately one half of the amounts available in FY 2011. Approximately \$8.8 million is expected to be available for the OTRB program discretionary allocation and may include other discretionary program funds that become available. The total amount of funding available will be contingent on Congressional authorization and appropriation prior to the selection of awardees, and based on the timing of such funding becoming available, may also include funding appropriated for Fiscal Year 2013.

Complete proposals for the OTRB program announced in this Notice must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. EDT on June 7, 2012. All proposals must be submitted electronically through the APPLY function at <http://www.grants.gov>. Any applicant intending to apply should initiate the process of registering on the GRANTS.GOV site immediately to ensure completion of registration before the submission deadline.

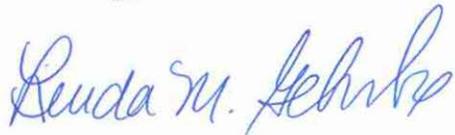
Instructions for applying can be found on FTA's Web site at <http://www.fta.dot.gov/otrb> and in the "FIND" module of GRANTS.GOV. FTA may announce grant selections in the Federal Register when the competitive selection process is complete.

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Sincerely,



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