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Subject: Bus and Bus Facilities Discretionary Program Funds

Program Area: Discretionary

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The U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announces the selection of capital projects for the State of Good Repair (SGR) and Bus Livability (BLIV) initiatives funded under the Section 5309 Bus and Bus Facilities program, which is authorized by 49 U.S.C. 5309(b), as amended by Section 3011 of the Safe, Affordable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), Public Law 109-59, August 10, 2005.

On February 7, 2012, FTA published a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for its SGRs and BLIVs (77 FR 6178). The NOFA explained the requirements and procedures for eligible applicants to apply for the funds made available by the Surface and Air Transportation Programs Extension Act of 2011. In sum, the FY 2012 SGR Initiative made available approximately \$650 million of Section 5309 Bus and Bus Facilities Program funds. The NOFA indicated FTA's intent to award the funds for capital investments aimed at replacing or rehabilitating transit infrastructure for buses, bus facilities, bus-related equipment, and transit asset management systems.

The FY 2012 BLIV made available approximately \$125 million of Section 5309 Bus and Bus Facilities Program funds. As outlined in the NOFA, the Section 5309 funds would be awarded for capital investments for buses, bus facilities, and bus related equipment.

Successful applicants should contact the appropriate FTA Regional office for specific information regarding applying for the funds. Unsuccessful applicants may contact FTA to arrange a proposal debriefing within 30 days of this announcement; SGR applicants may contact Sam Snead, Office of Program Management at 202-366-1089, email samuel.snead@dot.gov; BLIV applicants may contact Bryce McNitt, Office of Budget and Policy at 202-366-2618, email bryce.mcnitt@dot.gov. For general program information on the Bus and Bus Facilities Program, contact Samuel Snead, A TDD is available at 1-800-877-8339 (TDD/FIRS).

FTA emphasizes that grantees must follow all third-party procurement guidance, as described in FTA.C.4220.1F. **Funds allocated in this announcement must be obligated in a grant by September 30, 2014.**

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The full Federal Register may be found at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-08-14/pdf/2012-19438.pdf>.

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