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GRANTEE WEBINAR

**2:00-4:00 p.m. Eastern
December 15, 2011**

Housekeeping Items

- Audio through computer - Please DO NOT call in
- Questions will be taken through chat box
 - Type in questions whenever convenient
 - Will be answered at end of each section
- Address technical, grant-specific questions to FTA regions



Agenda

Welcome

Program Goals & Expectations

Grant Application & Obligation Process

Partners & Technical Assistance Program

Questions



Welcome

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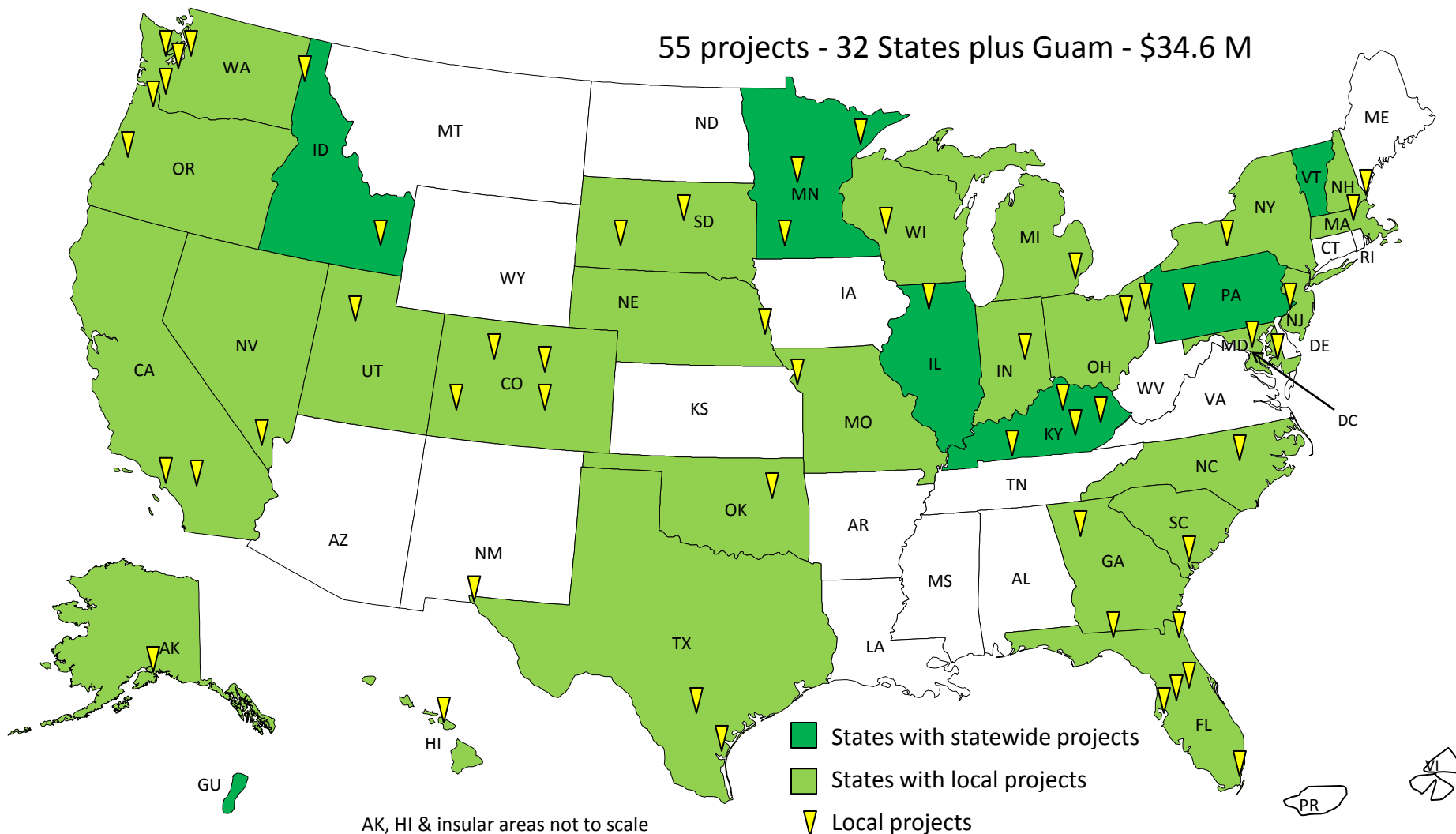
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55 projects - 32 States plus Guam - \$34.6 M



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PROGRAM GOALS & EXPECTATIONS



VTCLI Purpose

- Build on success of FTA's United We Ride "One Call Center" model
- Bring together available transportation services with human service programs—especially for veterans and military families



Program Benefits

- Enhance coordinated federal, local transportation and community partnerships
- Integrate services that help U.S. veterans, service member and military families connect with local transportation options
- Improve access to home- and community-based services for people with disabilities and older adults
- Reflect intent of Supreme Court's Olmstead Decision
- Align with White House Joining Forces Initiative



Project Goals

- Establish or expand a one-call/one-click transportation resource center
 - Include resources for veterans, service members and military families
 - Promote use of center with military community
- Create partnerships between transportation providers and veterans and military communities
- Increase involvement of veterans and military communities in local Coordinated Human Services Transportation Planning process

Project Expectations

- Continued development of partnerships with Veterans and Military Service Organizations (VSO/MSO)
- Partnership including VSO/MSOs will be continually involved in the design and implementation of project
- Community will update Coordinated Plan to address transportation needs of veteran & military community (or verify it has already done so)



What does success look like?

- Grantees complete an operational one-call/one-click center
- The project areas and grantees better understand the transportation needs of veterans, service members and military families
- Grantees and partners improve coordination to effectively meet these needs

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GRANT OBLIGATION PROCESS



Receiving your Grant

- Work with FTA regional offices
- First-time FTA recipients encouraged to find pass-through grantee
- Finalize budget with line items
- In-kind match must be verified by FTA
- Double-check with regions on certain issues:
 - Capital leasing
 - Training line items

Just a Reminder!

ELIGIBLE EXPENSES

- Hardware (Computers, Servers)
- In-Vehicle Technology
- Software
- Other Capital Costs
 - Facility-Related Capital (Purchase, Lease, Alteration)
 - Design & Engineering
 - Project Administration (Up to 10% of Costs)

INELIGIBLE EXPENSES

- Vehicle Acquisition
- Preventive Maintenance
- Mobility Management
- Cost of Operating One-Call Center
- Marketing
- Non-capital training



Timeline

- By Dec 31 – Make contact with Regional Office
- Early 2012 – Verify Certs & Assurances, Civil Rights, etc. up to date
- Mar 30, 2012 – Submit draft TEAM application to Region for review
- OBLIGATION GOAL:

June 30, 2012

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VTCLI website: www.fta.dot.gov/veterans

Application/Obligation questions to FTA Regions

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