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00:00:01,001 --> 00:00:02,402
Rik Opstelten: ... apologize
for the inconvenience and we

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00:00:02,402 --> 00:00:03,704
thank you very much for your patience.

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00:00:03,704 --> 00:00:06,139
With that, we will start afresh.

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00:00:06,139 --> 00:00:06,874
Antoinette Quagliata: Thank you, Rik.

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00:00:06,874 --> 00:00:09,676
Welcome everyone. My name
is Antoinette Quagliata.

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00:00:09,676 --> 00:00:13,046
I'm with the Federal
Transit Administration.

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00:00:13,046 --> 00:00:15,749
I apologize for the
technical difficulties.

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00:00:15,749 --> 00:00:20,487
We will reset and restart and
we will officially begin the

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00:00:20,487 --> 00:00:21,521
webinar now.

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00:00:21,521 --> 00:00:26,627
Welcome everyone and thank you
for joining us for webinar #2 on

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00:00:26,627 --> 00:00:30,030
our Integrated Mobility
Innovation Demonstration Program.

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00:00:30,030 --> 00:00:35,269
We have a number of speakers

here today to go over the

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00:00:35,269 --> 00:00:37,938
program in general and cover
some of the specifics on

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00:00:37,938 --> 00:00:41,942
applying for our funding
opportunity that we have open now.

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00:00:41,942 --> 00:00:44,711
I'm going to start with Vince Valdes.

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00:00:44,711 --> 00:00:47,281
He is the Associate
Administrator of the Office of

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00:00:47,281 --> 00:00:50,751
Research, Demonstration &
Innovation, and he will touch on

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00:00:50,751 --> 00:00:53,387
some of the basics of what IMI is.

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00:00:53,387 --> 00:00:57,891
Vince Valdes: Again, apologies
for any technical difficulties.

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00:00:57,891 --> 00:01:02,229
I had already done my
introduction and you'll love to

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00:01:02,229 --> 00:01:04,631
hear again, I'm sure, if you
didn't hear it the first time.

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00:01:04,631 --> 00:01:07,834
Anyway, I am very happy to be
here to speak about the program,

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00:01:07,834 --> 00:01:11,738
which is our Integrated
Mobility Innovation Initiative.

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00:01:11,738 --> 00:01:16,410
As I had mentioned earlier, we
are very proud of the program

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00:01:16,410 --> 00:01:19,346
because it really does represent
how we work, we at FTA work to

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00:01:19,346 --> 00:01:22,749
improve public transportation
through research and concrete

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00:01:22,749 --> 00:01:26,119
demonstrations with our partner
agencies in the transit industry.

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00:01:26,119 --> 00:01:31,258
With respect to the IMI itself,
the program focuses on U.S.

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00:01:31,258 --> 00:01:35,629
DOT's extraordinarily important
mobility innovation priority and

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00:01:35,629 --> 00:01:38,298
we build on FTA's previous
mobility experience with

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00:01:38,298 --> 00:01:42,903
programs like Mobility Services
for All Americans, or MSAA, and

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00:01:42,903 --> 00:01:46,373
our Mobility on-demand sandbox
with which many of you are familiar.

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00:01:46,373 --> 00:01:52,646
IMI also bases its vision on a
concept that has been developed

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00:01:52,646 --> 00:01:54,982
through DOT's accessible

transportation technology

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00:01:54,982 --> 00:01:58,919
research and that concept is
the complete trip, which I will

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00:01:58,919 --> 00:02:01,054
describe in a little bit.

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00:02:01,054 --> 00:02:08,395
Let me talk about the three
major priorities of IMI.

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00:02:08,395 --> 00:02:14,267
Through IMI we wanted to explore
new business and service models

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00:02:14,267 --> 00:02:17,504
for mobility using the latest
and best technologies available,

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00:02:17,504 --> 00:02:21,408
new processes and systems
that could transform mobility

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00:02:21,408 --> 00:02:22,309
for everyone.

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00:02:22,309 --> 00:02:25,846
In developing those new models,
we wanted to encourage cost

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00:02:25,846 --> 00:02:28,815
effective service, good return
on investment and promote

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00:02:28,815 --> 00:02:32,652
operational excellence
across public transportation.

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00:02:32,652 --> 00:02:36,923
With respect to all of those
elements, and particularly with

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00:02:36,923 --> 00:02:40,627
respect to operational
excellence, embedded in our

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00:02:40,627 --> 00:02:44,131
overall research vision is
the concept that innovative

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00:02:44,131 --> 00:02:46,733
technologies and new
partnerships and service

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00:02:46,733 --> 00:02:50,771
practices can fundamentally
improve the quality of life in

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00:02:50,771 --> 00:02:53,940
communities around the U.S.
through enhanced mobility.

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00:02:53,940 --> 00:02:58,912
By working to ensure that every
and any travelers trip chain can

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00:02:58,912 --> 00:03:02,315
be accomplished easily,
efficiently and seamlessly

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00:03:02,315 --> 00:03:06,086
through real-time information
and trip planning capabilities

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00:03:06,086 --> 00:03:08,922
and, importantly, removing
the barriers to successful

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00:03:08,922 --> 00:03:13,093
completion of a trip, we can
promote finally that vision that

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00:03:13,093 --> 00:03:15,429
we've always had for universal mobility.

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It's really that simple
in concept, although it is

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00:03:17,998 --> 00:03:20,033

challenging to execute.

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00:03:20,033 --> 00:03:23,437

In terms of the IMI program
itself, we're looking for

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proposals that offer integrated
solutions across three specific

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00:03:26,907 --> 00:03:30,744

areas: mobility on demand,
transit automation, mobility

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payment integration, all
supporting that concept

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00:03:35,048 --> 00:03:36,917

of a complete trip.

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00:03:36,917 --> 00:03:40,053

As you're preparing your
proposals, please keep in mind

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00:03:40,053 --> 00:03:44,224

that we wrote the NOFO so that
you could choose one or more of

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00:03:44,224 --> 00:03:46,293

those areas that you see on the
slide, or in combination give us

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00:03:46,293 --> 00:03:48,628

some very innovative concepts.

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00:03:48,628 --> 00:03:52,332
With that as a general backdrop,
let me pass it to the next presenter.

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00:03:52,332 --> 00:03:54,434
Thank you, Antoinette.

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00:03:54,434 --> 00:03:55,902
Antoinette Quagliata: Thank you, Vince.

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00:03:55,902 --> 00:03:58,672
We'll now move on to Johnita Glover.

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00:03:58,672 --> 00:04:01,475
She is a Transportation Program
Analyst with our Office of

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00:04:01,475 --> 00:04:04,678
Grants Management, and Johnita
will be going through the

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00:04:04,678 --> 00:04:08,048
application process through Grants.gov.

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00:04:08,048 --> 00:04:10,016
Johnita Glover: Thank you,
Antoinette and good afternoon.

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00:04:10,016 --> 00:04:14,121
This portion of the webinar is
to provide an orientation on the

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00:04:14,121 --> 00:04:17,491
resources available to
applicants organizations on the

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00:04:17,491 --> 00:04:22,629
FTA's website grants.gov
website and application process.

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00:04:22,629 --> 00:04:34,941
FTA funding opportunities are
published on the FTA website,

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00:04:34,941 --> 00:04:39,146
the Federal Register and
on Grants.gov website.

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00:04:39,146 --> 00:04:42,249
We recommend applicants begin
their search and application

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00:04:42,249 --> 00:04:47,120
process on the FTA Funding
Opportunities NOFO webpage.

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00:04:47,120 --> 00:04:50,724
By using the NOFO page as your
start point will provide links

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00:04:50,724 --> 00:04:54,461
to related information and links
to websites and resources to

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00:04:54,461 --> 00:04:56,930
assist with the application process.

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00:04:56,930 --> 00:05:01,568
To locate the NOFO page, go
to the FTA home page which is

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00:05:01,568 --> 00:05:05,272
FTA.dot.gov.

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00:05:05,272 --> 00:05:09,576
At the top of the webpage click
on Funding and select Applying.

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00:05:09,576 --> 00:05:13,246
Then click on Notice of Funding
on the left side of the page.

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00:05:13,246 --> 00:05:16,583
The Notice of Funding page
provides links to all the

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00:05:16,583 --> 00:05:20,053
current or active FTA
opportunities available.

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00:05:20,053 --> 00:05:24,291
Click on the Opportunity ID
which is hyperlinked to the FTA

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00:05:24,291 --> 00:05:27,060
website NOFO summary page.

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00:05:27,060 --> 00:05:30,797
If you click on the Grant
program, this link brings you to

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00:05:30,797 --> 00:05:34,901
the program page, which is
sponsoring a discretionary

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00:05:34,901 --> 00:05:37,304
funding and soliciting applicants.

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00:05:37,304 --> 00:05:41,074
If you are searching for an
old or expired notice, they are

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00:05:41,074 --> 00:05:44,811
available on a separate menu
directly under Notice of Funding.

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00:05:44,811 --> 00:05:52,519
As discussed, the FTA NOFO
page contains a summary of the

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00:05:52,519 --> 00:05:55,755
opportunity announcement with
important dates such as the

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00:05:55,755 --> 00:05:59,125
application deadline, a brief
explanation of eligibility

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00:05:59,125 --> 00:06:02,996
requirements and links
to the Grants.gov site.

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00:06:02,996 --> 00:06:06,233
Additionally, you have the
FTA Supplemental Form, Federal

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00:06:06,233 --> 00:06:09,970
Register Notice and the relevant
information about FTA programs

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00:06:09,970 --> 00:06:13,073
which may assist applicants
in developing and submitting

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00:06:13,073 --> 00:06:16,009
a successful proposal or application.

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00:06:16,009 --> 00:06:20,981
The Supplemental Form is a
fillable PDF which is a FTA product.

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00:06:20,981 --> 00:06:24,784
It is used to capture the key
elements of the applicant proposals.

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00:06:24,784 --> 00:06:28,989
This form contains fill-in
blanks for information which

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00:06:28,989 --> 00:06:33,493
will be used by FTA to
evaluate the proposed projects

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00:06:33,493 --> 00:06:35,595
and funding requested.

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00:06:35,595 --> 00:06:39,499
This form must be attached to
the application in Grants.gov in

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00:06:39,499 --> 00:06:41,801

order to receive consideration.

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00:06:41,801 --> 00:06:46,339
Please do not use forms from
prior years or attempt to create

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00:06:46,339 --> 00:06:50,110
your own PDF form in lieu of
the Supplemental Form that we

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00:06:50,110 --> 00:06:52,879
provide specifically
for this opportunity.

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00:06:52,879 --> 00:06:56,116
Please use only the current
forms provided on the FTA

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00:06:56,116 --> 00:06:58,752
website or in Grants.gov.

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00:06:58,752 --> 00:07:02,188
Please do not attempt to attach
images or scanned copies of the

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00:07:02,188 --> 00:07:05,091
Supplemental Form or information.

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00:07:05,091 --> 00:07:10,063
The PDF form must be completed
with typed text and attached to

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00:07:10,063 --> 00:07:12,666
the application in Grants.gov.

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00:07:12,666 --> 00:07:18,238
Once you click the blue
hyperlinked Opportunity ID on

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00:07:18,238 --> 00:07:22,075
the NOFO page, you will be
taken to the Grants.gov site.

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00:07:22,075 --> 00:07:27,480
The Grants.gov Grant Opportunity
page contains four things: the

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00:07:27,480 --> 00:07:32,185
synopsis, version history,
related documents and package.

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00:07:32,185 --> 00:07:35,889
This is also the page where
you can begin to apply for this

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00:07:35,889 --> 00:07:37,724
funding opportunity.

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00:07:37,724 --> 00:07:41,428
The Synopsis tab provides
similar information which will

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00:07:41,428 --> 00:07:45,465
be published on the FTA website,
but also shows if any changes

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00:07:45,465 --> 00:07:47,100
have been posted.

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00:07:47,100 --> 00:07:50,070
Additionally, it provides
key dates and related

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00:07:50,070 --> 00:07:52,038
regulatory references.

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00:07:52,038 --> 00:07:56,076
The Version History tab is just
that, a history of any changes

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00:07:56,076 --> 00:07:58,511
made since the original announcement.

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00:07:58,511 --> 00:08:02,015
The Related Documents tab

leads to a folder which contains

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00:08:02,015 --> 00:08:05,251
documents related to
the funding opportunity.

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00:08:05,251 --> 00:08:08,755
It includes items such as the
Federal Register Notice, the FTA

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00:08:08,755 --> 00:08:12,992
Supplemental Form to be used
or other related documents.

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00:08:12,992 --> 00:08:17,664
The Package tab contains the
references and download and/or

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00:08:17,664 --> 00:08:19,899
apply for this opportunity.

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00:08:19,899 --> 00:08:27,607
Please note that anyone can
download the application package

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00:08:27,607 --> 00:08:34,481
but only individuals designated
in Grants.gov as the authorized

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00:08:34,481 --> 00:08:38,618
organizational representative
can submit the application.

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00:08:38,618 --> 00:08:48,661
This slide depicts the contents
of the application package

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00:08:48,661 --> 00:08:55,235
available in Grants.gov: the
mandatory SF-424, the lobbying

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00:08:55,235 --> 00:08:59,739
form and the Attachment Form

used to attach supporting

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00:08:59,739 --> 00:09:02,275
materials for your application.

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00:09:02,275 --> 00:09:05,645
Please note that the application
package does not automatically

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00:09:05,645 --> 00:09:08,648
include the FTA Supplemental Form.

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00:09:08,648 --> 00:09:12,185
The FTA Supplemental Form must
be downloaded separately from

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00:09:12,185 --> 00:09:16,556
the FTA site or from within
a Related Documents tab.

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00:09:16,556 --> 00:09:20,093
The Supplemental Form is to be
attached to the application or

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00:09:20,093 --> 00:09:22,662
the Attachment Form.

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00:09:22,662 --> 00:09:25,999
The Attachment Form is a way
for the applicant to include

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00:09:25,999 --> 00:09:28,968
documents supporting their application.

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00:09:28,968 --> 00:09:36,176
Another screenshot of the
Supplemental Form along with

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00:09:36,176 --> 00:09:37,811
the attachment form.

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00:09:37,811 --> 00:09:42,515

To reiterate, please do not submit forms from prior years or

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00:09:42,515 --> 00:09:47,053
other programs or do not submit scanned Supplemental Forms.

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00:09:47,053 --> 00:09:56,196
Applicants who have not previously applied on Grants.gov

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00:09:56,196 --> 00:10:01,100
must visit the Grants.gov site and Applicants tab.

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00:10:01,100 --> 00:10:04,838
Applicants who have previously applied on Grants.gov are

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00:10:04,838 --> 00:10:07,740
encouraged to review the Applicants tab to make sure they

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00:10:07,740 --> 00:10:10,877
have the latest information about the application process.

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00:10:10,877 --> 00:10:14,147
The Applicants tab will walk you through the process of

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00:10:14,147 --> 00:10:17,650
registering on Grants.gov as well as help you check to make

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00:10:17,650 --> 00:10:21,888
sure you have the correct or compatible version of Adobe Acrobat.

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00:10:21,888 --> 00:10:24,958
This site will also provide you with training on the use of

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00:10:24,958 --> 00:10:26,693
Grants.gov.

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00:10:26,693 --> 00:10:30,663
Please note that there is an
Adobe compatibility check on

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00:10:30,663 --> 00:10:33,166
this site to ensure that
applicants are using the correct

173
00:10:33,166 --> 00:10:37,670
version and software packages in
order to submit your application.

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00:10:37,670 --> 00:10:40,974
The site also provides the
option to download the software

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00:10:40,974 --> 00:10:42,775
if needed.

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00:10:42,775 --> 00:10:46,446
There are many instances where
applicants frequently encounter

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00:10:46,446 --> 00:10:49,949
technical issues with submitting
their applications because they

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00:10:49,949 --> 00:10:53,386
are using a different version
of Adobe Acrobat from what is

179
00:10:53,386 --> 00:10:56,789
specified in Grants.gov.

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00:10:56,789 --> 00:11:07,600
For new applicants to Grants.gov
or federal funds, the grants.gov

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00:11:07,600 --> 00:11:09,903
site assists organizations

with registration process in the

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00:11:09,903 --> 00:11:13,273
System for Award Management,
SAM, and with obtaining

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00:11:13,273 --> 00:11:17,243
DUNS registration.

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Registered organizations can
create a workspace in which they

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00:11:28,888 --> 00:11:31,691
and their grant proposal team
can collaborate in developing

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00:11:31,691 --> 00:11:35,562
the application proposal
and associated documents.

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This workspace eliminates the
need for emailing documents

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00:11:39,032 --> 00:11:41,134
between team members.

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Grants.gov has been enhanced
to allow applicant organizations

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00:11:44,437 --> 00:11:48,374
the workspace in which assigned
individuals can collaborate,

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00:11:48,374 --> 00:11:53,079
share files and perform
various tasks to develop

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00:11:53,079 --> 00:11:54,447
the application.

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00:11:54,447 --> 00:11:57,550
This is also the place from
which authorized organization

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00:11:57,550 --> 00:12:00,486
representatives can submit
the completed application to

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00:12:00,486 --> 00:12:02,388
Grants.gov.

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00:12:02,388 --> 00:12:05,425
Please review the workspace
information in Grants.gov and

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00:12:05,425 --> 00:12:08,795
identify the type of workspace
and team members who will

198
00:12:08,795 --> 00:12:11,097
prepare your application.

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00:12:11,097 --> 00:12:13,666
Please review the roles and
privileges, and remember that

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00:12:13,666 --> 00:12:17,403
only the authorized organization
representative can submit

201
00:12:17,403 --> 00:12:19,305
the application.

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00:12:19,305 --> 00:12:24,243
FTA is accepting applications
submitted via Grants.gov from

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00:12:24,243 --> 00:12:26,346
organizations and not individuals.

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00:12:26,346 --> 00:12:29,649
Such organizations must be

registered in Grants.gov.

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00:12:29,649 --> 00:12:33,286

All the information and
pertinent links are available in

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00:12:33,286 --> 00:12:37,957

the Applicant tab on Grants.gov site.

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00:12:37,957 --> 00:12:42,962

If you encounter any technical
issues or problems while working

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00:12:42,962 --> 00:12:46,265

on the application or submitting
the application, they should be

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00:12:46,265 --> 00:12:48,334

addressed to Grants.gov.

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00:12:48,334 --> 00:12:52,438

Only program issues should be
addressed to the FTA Programmer.

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00:12:52,438 --> 00:12:54,907

Thank you.

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00:12:54,907 --> 00:12:57,143

Rik Opstelten: Thank
you very much, Johnita,

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00:12:57,143 --> 00:12:58,645

for that information.

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00:12:58,645 --> 00:13:00,113

It will be very helpful
to us for applying.

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00:13:00,113 --> 00:13:03,216

I'd like to interrupt for a
brief couple of programming

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00:13:03,216 --> 00:13:05,284
notes, for lack of a
better word at this point.

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00:13:05,284 --> 00:13:10,256
We've heard from the chat that
there are some difficulties with

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00:13:10,256 --> 00:13:11,291
the audio.

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00:13:11,291 --> 00:13:14,394
What I would suggest is that
anyone who has dialed in in the

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00:13:14,394 --> 00:13:16,929
last couple of minutes to the
phone line as opposed to using

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00:13:16,929 --> 00:13:19,699
their computer for the audio,
please mute your phones.

222
00:13:19,699 --> 00:13:21,934
There appears to be a
problem with cross-talk.

223
00:13:21,934 --> 00:13:25,505
Again, please mute your phones,
and also, if you are doing that,

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00:13:25,505 --> 00:13:28,241
mute also your computer
so as to avoid echoing.

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00:13:28,241 --> 00:13:32,211
Another note I would
make is one of apology.

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00:13:32,211 --> 00:13:35,148
It appears that the
transcription service that is

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00:13:35,148 --> 00:13:37,517
meant to provide for a live
captioning of this presentation

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00:13:37,517 --> 00:13:41,454
is not currently working, and
again, for that we apologize.

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00:13:41,454 --> 00:13:43,823
We are fully committed to
ensuring that anyone who would

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00:13:43,823 --> 00:13:47,560
need that service to receive the
same level of information as all

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00:13:47,560 --> 00:13:51,097
of us through this program
and so we will of course make

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00:13:51,097 --> 00:13:54,534
available online after this
event a text version of our

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00:13:54,534 --> 00:13:56,903
remarks today as well.

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00:13:56,903 --> 00:13:59,338
Thank you very much for
your patience in this.

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00:13:59,338 --> 00:14:02,275
Antoinette Quagliata: Thank
you, Rik, and thank you,

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00:14:02,275 --> 00:14:05,411
Johnita, for going through all
of that detail on how to apply

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00:14:05,411 --> 00:14:07,280
for the program.

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00:14:07,280 --> 00:14:11,284

Next we will move on to David Schneider.

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00:14:11,284 --> 00:14:15,188
He is a data scientist here in
our Office of Research at FTA

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00:14:15,188 --> 00:14:18,291
and he is going to cover some
of the data management aspects.

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00:14:18,291 --> 00:14:19,792
David Schneider: Great.
Thank you very much.

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00:14:19,792 --> 00:14:22,295
I'm going to take a few minutes
to talk about our objectives for

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00:14:22,295 --> 00:14:26,299
data management, data management
plan, the secure data comments

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00:14:26,299 --> 00:14:28,534
and where you can find
additional resources.

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00:14:28,534 --> 00:14:31,938
Then during the question and
answer session, as time permits,

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00:14:31,938 --> 00:14:35,475
I'll be free to field questions,
either myself or my colleague

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00:14:35,475 --> 00:14:38,144
Alexis Zubrow with the Volpe
Center can answer some of

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00:14:38,144 --> 00:14:39,312
your questions.

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00:14:39,312 --> 00:14:40,913
Next slide.

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00:14:40,913 --> 00:14:44,484
We think of our push to
data management as a shared

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00:14:44,484 --> 00:14:48,221
commitment between FTA and our
recipients, a commitment that

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00:14:48,221 --> 00:14:51,324
will provide us with useful
information about the projects

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00:14:51,324 --> 00:14:54,660
that we fund, as well as
maximize the potential for

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00:14:54,660 --> 00:14:57,897
follow-up research and
new lines of inquiry.

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00:14:57,897 --> 00:15:00,433
There are a set of things that
we're committed to as part of

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00:15:00,433 --> 00:15:01,367
this program.

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00:15:01,367 --> 00:15:03,469
One is maximizing data sharing.

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00:15:03,469 --> 00:15:06,405
Being able to answer questions
about the work that we're

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00:15:06,405 --> 00:15:09,876
funding, but also provide the
public with information about

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00:15:09,876 --> 00:15:14,247
the work that their taxpayer
dollars are funding to support

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00:15:14,247 --> 00:15:15,615
open government.

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00:15:15,615 --> 00:15:17,650
At the same time that we're
interested in transparency,

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00:15:17,650 --> 00:15:20,319
we're also interested in
safeguarding people's privacy.

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We know that the kind of data
that is being sought after and

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00:15:24,023 --> 00:15:26,993
potentially worked on as part
of our program could contain

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00:15:26,993 --> 00:15:30,096
personally identifiable
information, PII, or

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00:15:30,096 --> 00:15:32,932
confidential business
information, CBI, either

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directly or it could possibly
be inferred, so we want to take

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00:15:35,668 --> 00:15:38,337
safeguards to make sure that
that information about people

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00:15:38,337 --> 00:15:40,706
and organizations is not dispersed.

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00:15:40,706 --> 00:15:44,010
The third thing we're committed
to is ensuring that the data

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00:15:44,010 --> 00:15:46,646
that you work with and that
we work with is treated as a

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00:15:46,646 --> 00:15:50,116
national resource that's shared
and stored properly, managed and

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00:15:50,116 --> 00:15:53,753
shared with others into the future.

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00:15:53,753 --> 00:15:57,957
As part of our work and your
work with us, we would ask you

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to be committed to a number of things.

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00:15:59,692 --> 00:16:04,030
One is providing U.S. DOT
with timely and consistent

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00:16:04,030 --> 00:16:09,769
information and also making
sure that any PII information is

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00:16:09,769 --> 00:16:17,076
identified and the risk of
that is mitigated by identifying

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00:16:17,076 --> 00:16:20,112
a closed access data storage
system to store that information,

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00:16:20,112 --> 00:16:23,649
and then also develop
preliminary data management plans.

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00:16:23,649 --> 00:16:29,689
One of the elements of our
Notice of Funding Opportunity

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00:16:29,689 --> 00:16:33,526

concerns controlled access
in collaborative data systems.

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00:16:33,526 --> 00:16:37,096
In our NOFO we mention that
we may make available a secure

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system, which I'll talk more
about in a minute, the Secure

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00:16:39,632 --> 00:16:44,837
Data Commons, or alternately you
could as an applicant identify

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00:16:44,837 --> 00:16:47,273
an appropriate third
party system to use.

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00:16:47,273 --> 00:16:55,214
You should also budget for
cost of data storage and sharing

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00:16:55,214 --> 00:16:57,483
as appropriate.

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00:16:57,483 --> 00:16:58,885
Next slide.

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Speaker: [Inaudible].

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00:17:00,486 --> 00:17:03,289
David Schneider: I'm about
to talk a little bit about the

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00:17:03,289 --> 00:17:05,391
preliminary data management
plan, our approach to it and

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00:17:05,391 --> 00:17:07,059
what should be included in it.

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00:17:07,059 --> 00:17:10,496
We also have on our website a
guidance document that goes into

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00:17:10,496 --> 00:17:13,065
more detail about the elements
of a preliminary data management

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00:17:13,065 --> 00:17:15,268
plan and we encourage people
to look at that as part of

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00:17:15,268 --> 00:17:16,836
your application.

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Our objective to data management
planning and the preliminary

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plan is to start thinking of
these concepts, about how the

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data that you're proposing to
collect will be collected and

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shared so the data management
and information sharing isn't an

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afterthought towards the end
of the process but is integrated

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00:17:32,451 --> 00:17:34,387
into the process from the start.

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What we're looking for as
part of your application is

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preliminary data management plan.

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We understand that these are
work in progress and we would

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00:17:41,494 --> 00:17:42,662
expect it to change.

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00:17:42,662 --> 00:17:45,197
If you're selected for funding,
we would ask for a post-award

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00:17:45,197 --> 00:17:48,234
data management plan, and as
part of the process we would ask

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00:17:48,234 --> 00:17:51,304
for updates as appropriate
on an ongoing basis.

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00:17:51,304 --> 00:17:55,074
Here are a few of the things
that you should include in your

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00:17:55,074 --> 00:17:57,243
preliminary data management plan.

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00:17:57,243 --> 00:17:59,979
A project overview that talks
about the goals of the project

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00:17:59,979 --> 00:18:03,482
and how the data helps meet
the IMI goals that we're talking

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00:18:03,482 --> 00:18:07,053
about today; an overview of
the data that you're planning on

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00:18:07,053 --> 00:18:12,091
collecting, and how you

plan to use the data.

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00:18:12,091 --> 00:18:16,495

On the access level of the data,
again, what data is available to

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everyone and what data is
restricted because it could

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potentially include privacy
information, and then some

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00:18:25,571 --> 00:18:28,507

information about data storage,
archiving and preservation.

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How will the data be
stored and archived?

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Again, more information
is in the guidance document

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that's available.

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Here is an illustrative
example of a portion of a data

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management plan.

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We hope this example helps
bring it to life a little bit.

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It's not from an actual data
management plan but it's a

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little snipped to a data
management plan that concerns

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the asset level.

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In this example we have a data
set around connected vehicles,

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and then we have data that
should be controlled and the

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reason for that is because
location data as well as data

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collected could potentially
identify personally identifiable

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information.

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00:19:04,543 --> 00:19:07,613
Then, in the management plan,
there's a section for approaches

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that will be taken to safeguard
the data, in this case using the

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Secure Data Commons.

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00:19:12,485 --> 00:19:13,786

Next slide.

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00:19:13,786 --> 00:19:18,391
Now I'll talk a little bit about
the Secure Data Commons, and

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again, we have additional
resources online for those of

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00:19:20,626 --> 00:19:22,161
you who want to delve in further.

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It's a platform that's being
developed by our Intelligent

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Transportation Systems Joint
Programs Office and it's being

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used by the Federal Highway
Administration, I believe that's

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the FAA as well as some other modes.

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It's a common platform that cuts
across our various silos in DOT.

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It enables collaborative but
also controlled integration

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of information.

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It provides a suite of
programming tools like R and

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Python and others for people
to do data analysis work.

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One of the features of the
Secure Data Commons is it helps

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enable real-time data analysis
so you don't have to wait until

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the end to do your data work.

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You can do it in real-time and
we think that also helps data

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providers identify problems and
make adjustments sooner rather

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00:20:06,806 --> 00:20:07,907
than later.

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00:20:07,907 --> 00:20:09,308
Go to the next slide.

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Again, we have some built-in
architecture for storage and

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00:20:13,512 --> 00:20:14,680
managing data.

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You don't need to reinvent
the wheel or create your own

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00:20:18,117 --> 00:20:19,085
data platform.

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It is an option to use one if you want, but we hope that we

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have benefits from the Secure Data Commons that you would

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consider using.

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If you choose to use the Secure Data Commons, you would be set

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up along with your project or your collaborators as part of

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a project team.

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As a project team you would be able to upload and analyze data,

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you and your team members would be able to share information,

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and others outside of the team as appropriate.

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There would be individuals who could upload data, either

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streaming in real-time or batch
uploading, as well as analysts

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who could do analytical
work on the data as well.

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00:20:52,952 --> 00:20:54,553
Go to the next slide.

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Again, we have some additional
resources available about data

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management plans, the
Secure Data Commons

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00:21:00,292 --> 00:21:01,727
and other information.

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00:21:01,727 --> 00:21:05,631
I'd be happy to answer some
questions later on about this

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00:21:05,631 --> 00:21:09,101
information or go to our
website to learn more.

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00:21:09,101 --> 00:21:10,302
Thank you.

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00:21:10,302 --> 00:21:12,905
Antoinette Quagliata: Thank you, David.

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00:21:12,905 --> 00:21:17,409
Now we'll move on to a few
frequently asked questions and

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00:21:17,409 --> 00:21:18,844
Rik will cover that.

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00:21:18,844 --> 00:21:24,717
Rik Opstelten: Thanks very
much Johnita and David too for

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00:21:24,717 --> 00:21:27,620
the very useful information
about a topic that has come up

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00:21:27,620 --> 00:21:29,255
quite a lot actually in terms of data.

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00:21:29,255 --> 00:21:32,291
I'd like to take a few minutes
now just to go over some of the

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00:21:32,291 --> 00:21:37,062
more frequently asked in the
last couple of weeks questions

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00:21:37,062 --> 00:21:39,765
we received, and by the way
thank you to all of you who have

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00:21:39,765 --> 00:21:43,936
been so efficient, I should say,
in asking questions about the

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00:21:43,936 --> 00:21:45,771
program in the last number of weeks.

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00:21:45,771 --> 00:21:51,343
We have been providing frequent
updates to our Frequently Asked

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00:21:51,343 --> 00:21:53,546
Questions document, if we could
move to the next slide quickly,

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00:21:53,546 --> 00:21:59,151
that is available on the program
website at transit.dot.gov/IMI.

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00:21:59,151 --> 00:22:03,789
What I'll do now is just review
a couple of those that are most

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00:22:03,789 --> 00:22:05,124
commonly being asked.

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00:22:05,124 --> 00:22:07,526
That will allow us time as
well to gather your questions

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00:22:07,526 --> 00:22:08,594
from the field.

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00:22:08,594 --> 00:22:11,263
This is a good opportunity now
if you have questions that you

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00:22:11,263 --> 00:22:13,599
would like us to address in the
next couple of minutes to please

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00:22:13,599 --> 00:22:17,236
enter those into the question
box, and our team here around

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00:22:17,236 --> 00:22:20,139
the table will be working to
compile those in a way that we

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00:22:20,139 --> 00:22:21,207
can answer them.

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00:22:21,207 --> 00:22:25,044
While we're doing that, I'd like
to just speak to some that have

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00:22:25,044 --> 00:22:26,879
been, again, most commonly asked.

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00:22:26,879 --> 00:22:32,451
One has to do with a situation
in which a community is involved

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00:22:32,451 --> 00:22:34,920
in a partnership with a
neighboring community to provide

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00:22:34,920 --> 00:22:36,422
public transportation service.

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00:22:36,422 --> 00:22:41,093
The question I'm being often
asked is can the community which

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00:22:41,093 --> 00:22:44,129
is contracting for service with
another not actually providing

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00:22:44,129 --> 00:22:48,767
that service on their own, apply
now for the IMI opportunity.

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00:22:48,767 --> 00:22:50,069
The answer to that is yes.

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00:22:50,069 --> 00:22:55,841
We, if you look at the FAQ
documentation, made clear that

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00:22:55,841 --> 00:22:59,578
to be a 'provider of public
transportation' which is the

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00:22:59,578 --> 00:23:03,415
core eligibility criteria, means
to both provide it on your own

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00:23:03,415 --> 00:23:07,253
but also to provide it by
way of contract with another.

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00:23:07,253 --> 00:23:11,490
That would enable essentially
both parties to apply as leads

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00:23:11,490 --> 00:23:12,791
for this program.

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00:23:12,791 --> 00:23:17,029
The second question has
to do with partnerships.

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00:23:17,029 --> 00:23:20,899
We've had many folks asking,
well, the degree of partnerships

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00:23:20,899 --> 00:23:24,036
needed for this program
require a great deal of thinking

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00:23:24,036 --> 00:23:25,704
and a great deal of time.

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00:23:25,704 --> 00:23:30,109
How much time has FTA provided
to establish partnerships?

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My response to that would be twofold.

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00:23:30,809 --> 00:23:32,645
One, we have allowed for a
90-day application period for

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00:23:32,645 --> 00:23:36,715
this program to give more time
to formulate those kinds of

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00:23:36,715 --> 00:23:39,918
partnerships, especially as it
relates to the selection of key

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00:23:39,918 --> 00:23:44,523
partners which is a class of
partnership identified within

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00:23:44,523 --> 00:23:48,761

the NOFO and explained further in
Frequently Asked Question point.

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I would also note that details
of partnerships we expect will

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00:23:53,332 --> 00:23:56,635
be somewhat worked out in the
course of the first 12 months of

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00:23:56,635 --> 00:23:59,438
the program post-funding.

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00:23:59,438 --> 00:24:02,875
We have designed it such that we
are looking for within 12 months

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00:24:02,875 --> 00:24:06,812
the beginning of demonstration
and the demonstration service

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00:24:06,812 --> 00:24:11,183
would be ongoing for
a minimum of 12 months.

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00:24:11,183 --> 00:24:15,587
Another question we've been
often asked is could you direct

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00:24:15,587 --> 00:24:19,725
us to potential project
partners, and unfortunately we

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00:24:19,725 --> 00:24:24,129
do not have a system to play
that kind of matchmaking role

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between those who might be
applying for this opportunity

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and those who would serve as
potential partners from the

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00:24:30,703 --> 00:24:33,639
private, academic or other sectors.

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00:24:33,639 --> 00:24:37,042
We hope that you will --
wherever you stand on that line

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00:24:37,042 --> 00:24:41,847
reach out to potential partners.

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00:24:41,847 --> 00:24:45,851
Vince Valdes: If I might,
this is Vince Valdes.

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00:24:45,851 --> 00:24:49,955
We're hearing back
chatter on the voice line.

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00:24:49,955 --> 00:24:52,925
Please mute your phone if you're
listening on the phone and be

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00:24:52,925 --> 00:24:55,527
sure to mute your computer as well.

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00:24:55,527 --> 00:24:56,428
Thank you.

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00:24:56,428 --> 00:24:57,963
Thank you, Rik.

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00:24:57,963 --> 00:24:59,965
Rik Opstelten: Sure thing,
Vince, and thank you.

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00:24:59,965 --> 00:25:02,901
Again, we're trying out best
to work through the technical

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00:25:02,901 --> 00:25:04,603
difficulties in the day as well.

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00:25:04,603 --> 00:25:07,473
What I will suggest, however, on
the point of partnership, is we

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00:25:07,473 --> 00:25:10,709
have a partnership with the
Shared Use Mobility Center

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whereby we have a mobility
on-demand learning center that

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has a lot of information about
projects that have happened that

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00:25:20,419 --> 00:25:22,855
are related to similar types of
things that we are looking for

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00:25:22,855 --> 00:25:26,291
in this opportunity, so that
might be a place to learn about

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00:25:26,291 --> 00:25:30,529
some of the existing or
previous projects you might find

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00:25:30,529 --> 00:25:31,797
potential partners through.

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00:25:31,797 --> 00:25:36,802
I would also note, we've
had questions of late on data

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00:25:36,802 --> 00:25:40,606
pertaining to the automation
area of inquiry, and we expect

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in the next couple of days
to produce a FAQ response that

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helps to explain in some greater
detail what exactly we are

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00:25:48,614 --> 00:25:51,250
looking for in terms of
data in respect to that.

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00:25:51,250 --> 00:25:55,821
Again, there will be ongoing
dates based on the questions we

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00:25:55,821 --> 00:25:57,489
receive to the FAQs.

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00:25:57,489 --> 00:26:03,695
We, as well, will do our best
in the next couple of weeks, next

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couple of months as we have our
list of questions to answer here

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on the screen, we will do our
best to answer those now live

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00:26:08,801 --> 00:26:12,004
with you all today, however,
those questions that we are not

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00:26:12,004 --> 00:26:15,974
able to get to, I would ask you
to indeed please email those and

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00:26:15,974 --> 00:26:18,610
we will make our best effort to
respond as quickly as possible

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00:26:18,610 --> 00:26:21,780

to your questions and as appropriate post additional

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00:26:21,780 --> 00:26:25,851
responses to the FAQ.

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00:26:25,851 --> 00:26:30,422
It appears like we have been receiving quite a number of

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00:26:30,422 --> 00:26:37,029
questions via the Q and A pod.

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00:26:37,029 --> 00:26:39,998
And I'm going to let me friend Justin here continue to compile

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00:26:39,998 --> 00:26:43,268
those for just a second while we delve in for a little bit more.

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00:26:43,268 --> 00:26:46,672
I'd like to explain once again a little bit about the

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00:26:46,672 --> 00:26:48,941
applicability of the program.

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00:26:48,941 --> 00:26:52,311
Many questions have been of this nature.

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00:26:52,311 --> 00:26:55,714
What we have here on the slide is drawn from the NOFO about

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00:26:55,714 --> 00:26:56,615
who can apply.

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00:26:56,615 --> 00:26:59,651
As I've said, those who can apply are providers of public

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00:26:59,651 --> 00:27:03,088
transportation services
per the definition of public

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00:27:03,088 --> 00:27:06,692
transportation that, again,
can be providing that service

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00:27:06,692 --> 00:27:08,260
themselves or by contract.

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00:27:08,260 --> 00:27:10,762
There has also been a lot
of questions about what are

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00:27:10,762 --> 00:27:12,598
eligible activities under the funding.

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00:27:12,598 --> 00:27:17,402
It's a pretty broad swathe
of activities as identified by

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00:27:17,402 --> 00:27:22,040
these bullets here but I would
ask you to closely review the

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00:27:22,040 --> 00:27:26,178
text of the NOFO to identify
those areas that would be

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00:27:26,178 --> 00:27:29,815
eligible to be funded under
this work and to structure your

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00:27:29,815 --> 00:27:32,484
programs appropriately and your
funding requests appropriately

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00:27:32,484 --> 00:27:34,019
in response to that as well.

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00:27:34,019 --> 00:27:37,656
So, shall we turn now to

some questions live from

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00:27:37,656 --> 00:27:38,624
the audience?

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00:27:38,624 --> 00:27:45,898
We have two on the point of
data, so I'm going to turn to my

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00:27:45,898 --> 00:27:49,234
data friends first and ask will
there be a template available

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00:27:49,234 --> 00:27:50,903
for the data management plan?

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00:27:50,903 --> 00:27:52,037
David Schneider: Hi. This is David.

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00:27:52,037 --> 00:27:56,642
Currently, we have the guidance
document on our website and we

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00:27:56,642 --> 00:27:58,477
would encourage people
to talk a look at that.

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00:27:58,477 --> 00:27:59,344
It's pretty detailed.

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00:27:59,344 --> 00:28:01,446
We don't currently have a
template but you can take a look

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00:28:01,446 --> 00:28:03,348
at the guidance document and
I think it has a lot of the

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00:28:03,348 --> 00:28:04,650
information you're looking for.

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00:28:04,650 --> 00:28:06,485

Antoinette Quagliata: Thank you, David.

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00:28:06,485 --> 00:28:13,458
Our next question is can one
agency propose for all threeof

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00:28:13,458 --> 00:28:15,761
our categories or our areas of inquiry?

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00:28:15,761 --> 00:28:18,096
Rik, would you like to answer this?

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00:28:18,096 --> 00:28:18,864
Rik Opstelten: Yes, sure.

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00:28:18,864 --> 00:28:24,069
Yes, an agency can apply in a
coordinated, in an integrated --

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00:28:24,069 --> 00:28:27,105
for lack of a better word --
fashion, bringing together each

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00:28:27,105 --> 00:28:31,643
of the three or any number of
one, two or three of the areas

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00:28:31,643 --> 00:28:33,779
of inquiry identified in the program.

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00:28:33,779 --> 00:28:36,815
Antoinette Quagliata: Thank you, Rik.

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00:28:36,815 --> 00:28:43,822
Now, another question we
have is, is this opportunity

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00:28:43,822 --> 00:28:48,226
available to private
for-profit companies?

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00:28:48,226 --> 00:28:51,530

Rik Opstelten: To that I would again refer you to the

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00:28:51,530 --> 00:28:54,733
eligibility requirements which I just had on the screen which are

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00:28:54,733 --> 00:28:55,834
also in the NOFO.

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00:28:55,834 --> 00:29:02,007
Again, the eligible applicants, so leaders of applications must

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00:29:02,007 --> 00:29:03,842
be providers of public transportation services.

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00:29:03,842 --> 00:29:07,079
There is an expectation, of course, that there would be

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00:29:07,079 --> 00:29:10,248
partnerships that could include private for-profit organizations

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00:29:10,248 --> 00:29:12,784
as well as others, academia, for example.

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00:29:12,784 --> 00:29:16,188
Antoinette Quagliata: Thank you, Rik.

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00:29:16,188 --> 00:29:21,226
Another question we have is related to automation.

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00:29:21,226 --> 00:29:25,597
It says what does demonstration in a revenue service mean for

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00:29:25,597 --> 00:29:28,867
the ADAS inquiry area of \$3 million.

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00:29:28,867 --> 00:29:30,569

Steve Mortensen: Hi.

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00:29:30,569 --> 00:29:33,405

This is Steve Mortensen
from the Office of Research.

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00:29:33,405 --> 00:29:36,475

I co-manage the Transit Bus
Automation Research Program

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00:29:36,475 --> 00:29:37,709

with Danyell Diggs.

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00:29:37,709 --> 00:29:40,912

The answer to that question is I
believe that FTA has an official

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00:29:40,912 --> 00:29:45,384

definition of revenue service,
but off the top of my head my

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00:29:45,384 --> 00:29:50,522

explanation of that would be
that it is service where the

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00:29:50,522 --> 00:29:53,992

service is open to the general
public where you're taking

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00:29:53,992 --> 00:29:57,629

riders as a part of
your transit service.

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00:29:57,629 --> 00:30:01,099

Antoinette Quagliata: Thank
you, Steve, and while we have

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00:30:01,099 --> 00:30:03,835

you we have one more related question.

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00:30:03,835 --> 00:30:08,840
It says can we apply for a Level
4 bus, not a shuttle project?

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00:30:08,840 --> 00:30:25,924
Steve Mortensen: Our Demo 1 is
for Level 0 through 2 of the SAE

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00:30:25,924 --> 00:30:33,699
definition and for the Demo 2 it
is shuttle service Level 4, and

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00:30:33,699 --> 00:30:36,268
that could mean like feeder bus
service or that could mean like

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00:30:36,268 --> 00:30:37,469
a circulator service.

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00:30:37,469 --> 00:30:38,704
I hope that answered the question.

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00:30:38,704 --> 00:30:44,643
But if you mean like Level 3,
we're actually hoping for Level 4.

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00:30:44,643 --> 00:30:49,548
Antoinette Quagliata: Thank you, Steve.

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00:30:49,548 --> 00:30:56,888
Moving on to another question
and I think Rik may have touched

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00:30:56,888 --> 00:30:57,956
on this a little bit.

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00:30:57,956 --> 00:31:01,493
Is there a list of potential
organizations who are eligible

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00:31:01,493 --> 00:31:04,529
to be lead applicants for the proposal?

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00:31:04,529 --> 00:31:08,934
Rik Opstelten: We don't have
a list of all of the public

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00:31:08,934 --> 00:31:12,270
transportation providers in
the country that would meet that

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00:31:12,270 --> 00:31:16,241
definition, but we expect
you'll know how to find that.

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00:31:16,241 --> 00:31:33,959
Antoinette Quagliata: Okay.
Another question here is how

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00:31:33,959 --> 00:31:36,828
much in kind support
can we use for the match?

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00:31:36,828 --> 00:31:43,668
Rik Opstelten: There is not
necessarily a minimum or a

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00:31:43,668 --> 00:31:45,537
maximum to how the match is structured.

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00:31:45,537 --> 00:31:48,273
There are some requirements
about how a match

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00:31:48,273 --> 00:31:49,441
can be structured.

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00:31:49,441 --> 00:31:53,445
There is indeed a FAQ on how
to use in-kind contributions.

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00:31:53,445 --> 00:31:57,282
That also applies to partner
agencies involved as key

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00:31:57,282 --> 00:31:59,050
partners in the program.

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00:31:59,050 --> 00:32:01,720
That is explained at some
greater length, in a detail that

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00:32:01,720 --> 00:32:06,591
I wouldn't necessarily go in on
the phone now, on the FAQ as well.

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00:32:06,591 --> 00:32:10,128
I would direct the attention of
people looking at that issue to

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00:32:10,128 --> 00:32:13,098
understand better the match
requirements per the FAQ.

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00:32:13,098 --> 00:32:15,066
Antoinette Quagliata: Thank you, Rik.

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00:32:15,066 --> 00:32:18,670
This question gets to
the grant management side.

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00:32:18,670 --> 00:32:20,806
Who will provide grant oversight?

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00:32:20,806 --> 00:32:23,542
The question is whether it
will be the region as we have

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00:32:23,542 --> 00:32:25,343
regional offices, or headquarters.

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00:32:25,343 --> 00:32:28,013
Rik Opstelten: We anticipate
that our Office of Research,

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00:32:28,013 --> 00:32:30,615
Demonstration and Innovation
would be overseeing it.

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00:32:30,615 --> 00:32:33,318

That's what we hear.

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00:32:33,318 --> 00:32:42,828

Antoinette Quagliata:

Another question here.

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00:32:42,828 --> 00:32:47,632

This is probably good to clarify
as I think we get this a lot.

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00:32:47,632 --> 00:32:51,236

Can multiple organizations
submit applications to support a

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00:32:51,236 --> 00:32:52,704

single joint project?

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00:32:52,704 --> 00:32:55,874

For example, multiple
organizations that are part of a

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00:32:55,874 --> 00:32:57,709

single software project.

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00:32:57,709 --> 00:33:02,414

Rik Opstelten: Yes. It would
be quire reasonable, I think

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00:33:02,414 --> 00:33:05,183

to expect that a single project
would have several different

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00:33:05,183 --> 00:33:09,454

organizations partnering to
support it in a variety of ways.

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00:33:09,454 --> 00:33:13,291

Similarly, it's -- on sort of
a reciprocal to that -- possible

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00:33:13,291 --> 00:33:18,930
for one organization submitting
potentially several applications.

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00:33:18,930 --> 00:33:22,834
Antoinette Quagliata: Thank you, Rik.

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00:33:22,834 --> 00:33:41,052
Rik Opstelten: We have many
questions coming across.

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00:33:41,052 --> 00:33:42,420
We apologize.

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00:33:42,420 --> 00:33:44,923
Everybody just bear with us
for a moment as we try to ...

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00:33:44,923 --> 00:33:45,857
Speaker: Try to keep up with ...

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00:33:45,857 --> 00:33:47,759
Rik Opstelten: Keep up with your
very inquisitive minds, right?

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00:33:47,759 --> 00:33:52,130
Antoinette Quagliata: We have
a question here about the budget

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00:33:52,130 --> 00:33:56,167
numbers that we had as you'll
see in the NOFO assigned for the

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00:33:56,167 --> 00:33:58,937
three different areas of
inquiry, and the question here

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00:33:58,937 --> 00:34:03,108
is, is each number the maximum
budget available to that topic

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00:34:03,108 --> 00:34:07,445
area for only one project

or multiple projects?

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00:34:07,445 --> 00:34:09,814

Rik Opstelten: We had a similar question in our first

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00:34:09,814 --> 00:34:14,219

webinar a number of weeks ago and we've, generally I would

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00:34:14,219 --> 00:34:19,391

say, assigned those numbers as kind of guidelines to the degree

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00:34:19,391 --> 00:34:34,205

of which funding we would intend to apply.

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00:34:34,205 --> 00:34:37,809

Antoinette Quagliata: Thank you, Rik.

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00:34:37,809 --> 00:34:39,244

We're going to scroll down.

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00:34:39,244 --> 00:34:42,280

Let's see if we can get a few more questions in here.

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00:34:42,280 --> 00:34:56,962

We have another question here.

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00:34:56,962 --> 00:34:58,763

This is about eligibility.

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00:34:58,763 --> 00:35:02,767

It says could we clarify if states that do not operate any

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00:35:02,767 --> 00:35:05,437

transit services are eligible to apply.

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00:35:05,437 --> 00:35:10,308

Rik Opstelten: There's also as it relates to state departments

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00:35:10,308 --> 00:35:12,911
of transportation, if you
look at the Frequently Asked

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00:35:12,911 --> 00:35:16,047
Questions document now online,
there's also a provision noted

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00:35:16,047 --> 00:35:19,217
there that would allow for a
state DOT to apply on behalf of

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00:35:19,217 --> 00:35:22,220
an agency within that state
who is indeed providing public

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00:35:22,220 --> 00:35:23,288
transportation.

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00:35:23,288 --> 00:35:26,057
That kind of arrangement is
also noted specifically in the

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00:35:26,057 --> 00:35:27,592
FAQ document.

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00:35:27,592 --> 00:35:29,694
Antoinette Quagliata: Okay.

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00:35:29,694 --> 00:35:34,432
A question here is regarding
referencing our first webinar

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00:35:34,432 --> 00:35:38,036
and they say the prior webinar
stated that mobility on-demand

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00:35:38,036 --> 00:35:42,841
projects operating in a general
public demand response capacity

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00:35:42,841 --> 00:35:48,146
did not need to be ADA compliant but
there needs to be equivalent service.

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00:35:48,146 --> 00:35:51,683
Can you please clarify how
equivalent service is defined?

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00:35:51,683 --> 00:35:55,553
Rik Opstelten: FTA defines
equivalent service by virtue of

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00:35:55,553 --> 00:35:57,922
a number of characteristics
that have to do with things like

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00:35:57,922 --> 00:36:03,028
response time, with the equality
of fare, and a number of factors.

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00:36:03,028 --> 00:36:05,663
I won't necessarily list them
for the risk of potentially

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00:36:05,663 --> 00:36:08,900
missing a point, but I would
suggest that you would take a

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00:36:08,900 --> 00:36:12,404
look at our Frequently Asked
Questions on shared mobility.

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00:36:12,404 --> 00:36:15,240
There's a great bit of
explanation there offered about

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00:36:15,240 --> 00:36:19,110
accessibility and there's
actually a subsection of the

638
00:36:19,110 --> 00:36:22,213
FAQs on shared mobility that

notes how the requirements of

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00:36:22,213 --> 00:36:26,084

ADA and related questions around
accessibility apply in this context.

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00:36:26,084 --> 00:36:29,421

I would ask you to investigate
that further to better

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00:36:29,421 --> 00:36:32,891

understand how we are looking to
ensure that everybody is able to

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00:36:32,891 --> 00:36:35,393

use the services that
would be offered through

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00:36:35,393 --> 00:36:36,895

such arrangements.

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00:36:36,895 --> 00:36:37,696

Antoinette Quagliata: Thank you.

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00:36:37,696 --> 00:36:42,100

I just want to remind everyone
that we will be providing a

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00:36:42,100 --> 00:36:46,337

recording of this webinar once
that is prepared in the next few

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00:36:46,337 --> 00:36:50,809

days, and as Rik mentioned, that
will include a transcript as we

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00:36:50,809 --> 00:36:54,079

weren't able to provide
that live here today.

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00:36:54,079 --> 00:36:56,648

So, please just check back on
our website in a few days for

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00:36:56,648 --> 00:36:57,882
that recording.

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00:36:57,882 --> 00:37:06,291
Any other questions?

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00:37:06,291 --> 00:37:14,099
We have a question here.

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00:37:14,099 --> 00:37:17,402
We would like to use a
travel application to provide

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00:37:17,402 --> 00:37:19,904
incentives to users to shift mode.

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00:37:19,904 --> 00:37:23,775
Would these incentives be
considered an eligible expense

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00:37:23,775 --> 00:37:28,680
or does that portion of scope
need to be funded by local match?

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00:37:28,680 --> 00:37:35,220
Rik Opstelten: I would ask for
that question to be asked in an

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00:37:35,220 --> 00:37:39,457
email, if you wouldn't mind,
and my email address will be

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00:37:39,457 --> 00:37:42,127
provided on the webinar system.

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00:37:42,127 --> 00:37:48,333
That is a question that likely
-- well, to be honest, it's very

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00:37:48,333 --> 00:37:50,702
specificand I would like to

answer that in a consistent

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00:37:50,702 --> 00:37:53,838
fashion via the FAQ to clarify.

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00:37:53,838 --> 00:38:05,483
All right, for those of you
who might be willing to quickly

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00:38:05,483 --> 00:38:08,586
write down a long name, my email
address as listed in the NOFO is

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00:38:08,586 --> 00:38:17,462
hendrik.opstelten@dot.gov.

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00:38:17,462 --> 00:38:22,233
We are now looking anew here.

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00:38:22,233 --> 00:38:23,635
We are gathering some
additional questions.

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00:38:23,635 --> 00:38:24,502
Keep them coming.

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00:38:24,502 --> 00:38:27,872
Can you share examples of
projects that have been funded

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00:38:27,872 --> 00:38:29,107
in previous years?

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00:38:29,107 --> 00:38:34,679
Yes, the 2016 Mobility On-Demand
Sandbox Demonstration Program is

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00:38:34,679 --> 00:38:39,584
linked to the IMI page, and
you can see there, for example,

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00:38:39,584 --> 00:38:42,253

projects that were funded in 2016.

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00:38:42,253 --> 00:38:44,455

Antoinette Quagliata: Thank you, and thank you, Rik.

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00:38:44,455 --> 00:38:47,125

For those of you who didn't catch his email address,

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00:38:47,125 --> 00:38:50,862

you will now see it in the upper left corner in the Note box

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00:38:50,862 --> 00:38:54,232

of the webinar, for his email address.

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00:38:54,232 --> 00:38:57,135

So, again, for that question that Rik referred to and for any

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00:38:57,135 --> 00:39:00,205

questions that we do not get to as we will not be able to get to

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00:39:00,205 --> 00:39:03,208

every question this afternoon, please feel free to email us

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00:39:03,208 --> 00:39:05,343

directly with a question.

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00:39:05,343 --> 00:39:09,347

We will move on to another question.

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00:39:09,347 --> 00:39:17,155

Rik Opstelten: I'll cut in here.

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00:39:17,155 --> 00:39:20,792

My friends working on automation have noted a question asked

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00:39:20,792 --> 00:39:25,163
about whether vehicles used have
to be ADA compliant, and they

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00:39:25,163 --> 00:39:28,199
note many AV shuttles have ramps
but do not have tie-down areas

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00:39:28,199 --> 00:39:29,801
to secure wheelchairs.

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00:39:29,801 --> 00:39:34,005
Would my friends Danyell or Steve
want to answer that question?

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00:39:34,005 --> 00:39:35,707
Danyell Diggs: Sure.
This is Danyell Diggs.

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00:39:35,707 --> 00:39:40,645
If the demo is in revenue
service on a fixed route it must

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00:39:40,645 --> 00:39:45,416
be ADA compliant which includes
the tie-downs and the ramps.

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00:39:54,459 --> 00:40:02,800
Antoinette Quagliata:
Thank you, Danyell.

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00:40:02,800 --> 00:40:06,104
Another question here is, is
there a rural project set aside

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00:40:06,104 --> 00:40:09,207
for the program's funds?

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00:40:09,207 --> 00:40:12,877
Rik Opstelten: No.

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00:40:12,877 --> 00:40:13,945
Antoinette Quagliata:

Thank you. Short and sweet.

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00:40:13,945 --> 00:40:15,913

Rik Opstelten: Sometimes
we can be, right?

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00:40:15,913 --> 00:40:20,485

Antoinette Quagliata: Let's see here.

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00:40:20,485 --> 00:40:24,322

As we sort through, we are
receiving a lot of questions

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00:40:24,322 --> 00:40:30,361

that are repeated in the same
vein, so just to let you know as

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00:40:30,361 --> 00:40:31,963

we go through here.

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00:40:31,963 --> 00:40:35,633

I'm trying to capture on some
different topics that haven't

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00:40:35,633 --> 00:40:37,135

been addressed yet.

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00:40:37,135 --> 00:40:48,146

Rik Opstelten: There are many
questions being asked across the

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00:40:48,146 --> 00:40:51,683

screen at the moment about the
possibility to acquire specific

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00:40:51,683 --> 00:40:56,454

types of systems or software
or vehicles, what have you.

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00:40:56,454 --> 00:41:02,093

There's actually an FAQ item
available online that asks what

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00:41:02,093 --> 00:41:04,128
do you think of my particular
project, essentially?

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00:41:04,128 --> 00:41:07,231
The answer that we've listed
there is due to the competitive

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00:41:07,231 --> 00:41:11,235
nature of the program we will
not be offering any particular

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00:41:11,235 --> 00:41:15,740
insight as to the desirability of
any particular system or service.

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00:41:15,740 --> 00:41:19,610
Antoinette Quagliata: Thank you, Rik.

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00:41:19,610 --> 00:41:25,350
We have a few more questions here.

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00:41:25,350 --> 00:41:31,055
There's a question on what month do
you anticipate announcing the awards?

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00:41:31,055 --> 00:41:37,428
Again, the process for selecting
and making awards will have a

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00:41:37,428 --> 00:41:40,832
lot to do with how many
applications we get in, so I'll

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00:41:40,832 --> 00:41:45,503
just suggest that you just keep
checking back on our website and

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00:41:45,503 --> 00:41:48,306
we will certainly let people
know when we are ready to make

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00:41:48,306 --> 00:41:49,841
an announcement.

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00:41:49,841 --> 00:41:53,244
Just a reminder that the
application period does close

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00:41:53,244 --> 00:41:54,846
August 6th.

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00:41:54,846 --> 00:41:59,283
Rik Opstelten: I've also seen
a question come across, if I

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00:41:59,283 --> 00:42:03,988
may, that concerns the nature of
this program as one in which we

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00:42:03,988 --> 00:42:06,224
will be supporting
cooperative agreements.

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00:42:06,224 --> 00:42:11,496
Yes, these are not grants
in the strict sense.

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00:42:11,496 --> 00:42:15,266
Cooperative agreements are
agreements that involve a high

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00:42:15,266 --> 00:42:16,501
level of federal involvement.

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00:42:16,501 --> 00:42:21,939
That is by virtue of the
innovative nature of these

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00:42:21,939 --> 00:42:25,143
programs and the amount of
flexibility that is required in

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00:42:25,143 --> 00:42:27,545
the required in the research

realm has necessitated that we

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00:42:27,545 --> 00:42:29,680
be involved in that extent.

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Also to do with the requirements
for evaluation, so as to answer

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00:42:35,219 --> 00:42:37,822
questions and then report
to this agency, hence the

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00:42:37,822 --> 00:42:41,092
arrangements here of these
projects as cooperative

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00:42:41,092 --> 00:42:44,028
agreements that would involve a
significant level of input from

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00:42:44,028 --> 00:42:47,432
FTA as overseen.

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00:42:47,432 --> 00:42:51,903
Antoinette Quagliata:
I've seen some questions.

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00:42:51,903 --> 00:42:56,541
One is are there innovative
projects that the FTA isn't yet

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00:42:56,541 --> 00:42:59,444
behind, and there are some
questions I saw about what we

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00:42:59,444 --> 00:43:00,678
have covered.

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00:43:00,678 --> 00:43:03,448
I would suggest looking at our
website where you can find some

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00:43:03,448 --> 00:43:07,018
information on our previous
rounds of the sandbox projects

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00:43:07,018 --> 00:43:11,389
to see some of the projects that
we have funded and the work that

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00:43:11,389 --> 00:43:13,091
we've covered of these.

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00:43:13,091 --> 00:43:15,326
Rik Opstelten: As to what we
have not funded, well, that's up

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00:43:15,326 --> 00:43:17,195
to you to let us know, I suppose.

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00:43:17,195 --> 00:43:25,203
Vince Valdes: This goes to
the question of if we cannot --

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00:43:25,203 --> 00:43:27,672
there's one question that we're
seeing here, if we can't apply

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00:43:27,672 --> 00:43:30,608
this round, do you expect
similar funding to be released

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00:43:30,608 --> 00:43:31,909
next year?

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00:43:31,909 --> 00:43:36,080
Again, that depends on what kind
of projects we see emerging from

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00:43:36,080 --> 00:43:37,715
this particular cycle.

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00:43:37,715 --> 00:43:43,054
Just as we built IMI on what we

learned in the MOD Sandbox, we

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00:43:43,054 --> 00:43:45,456
would expect to build the next
funding opportunity on what

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00:43:45,456 --> 00:43:47,925
we're learning through IMI.

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00:43:47,925 --> 00:43:51,863
So, please do give us your
best shot at innovation and that

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00:43:51,863 --> 00:43:57,301
tells us where there are
still new areas to consider.

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00:43:57,301 --> 00:44:21,425
Antoinette Quagliata: Thank you, Vince.

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00:44:21,425 --> 00:44:24,061
And for questions not answer
please send an email to Rikand

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00:44:24,061 --> 00:44:25,096
as a reminder you should still
see his address in the upper

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00:44:25,096 --> 00:44:26,597
left corner of your screen
written by the welcome message

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00:44:26,597 --> 00:44:27,999
on the Note.

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00:44:27,999 --> 00:44:29,867
Rik Opstelten: It's also in the NOFO.

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00:44:29,867 --> 00:44:36,440
Antoinette Quagliata: Yes, it is in
the NOFO as well his email address

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00:44:36,440 --> 00:44:36,941
Speaker: I am.

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00:44:36,941 --> 00:44:38,342
Vince Valdes: We all are.

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00:44:38,342 --> 00:44:50,521
Rik Opstelten: Again, forgive us our brief moments of pause

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00:44:50,521 --> 00:44:53,558
here everybody but with so many questions coming across we are

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00:44:53,558 --> 00:44:57,328
doing our utmost to scramble and sort them and answer them as

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00:44:57,328 --> 00:45:13,110
efficiently as possible for everybody.

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00:45:13,110 --> 00:45:16,480
I believe I've seen one that asks to repeat again the

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00:45:16,480 --> 00:45:18,683
timelines, essentially.

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00:45:18,683 --> 00:45:26,390
We have the expectation that programs would be able to use up

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00:45:26,390 --> 00:45:30,194
to 12 months for planning and organizing their demonstration

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00:45:30,194 --> 00:45:34,298
and the demonstration itself would operate for 12 months.

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00:45:34,298 --> 00:45:47,612
I'm getting now a question that has to with can a university apply.

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00:45:47,612 --> 00:45:51,349

This is actually one that
we touched on in our previous

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00:45:51,349 --> 00:45:54,919

webinar, but if a university
is a provider of public

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00:45:54,919 --> 00:45:57,822

transportation -- and I should
underline the word public in

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00:45:57,822 --> 00:46:02,393

that so as to indicate that
interfacility transportation

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00:46:02,393 --> 00:46:06,197

within a system, a university
system is not public

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00:46:06,197 --> 00:46:09,166

transportation, but if you are
providing public transportation

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00:46:09,166 --> 00:46:13,971

with an open-door type situation
then that would be eligible

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00:46:13,971 --> 00:46:15,172

in that sense.

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00:46:15,172 --> 00:46:27,785

Continuing to look for questions.

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00:46:27,785 --> 00:46:29,020

Keep them coming.

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00:46:29,020 --> 00:46:31,789

We have allocated a good bit of
time to today's presentation for

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00:46:31,789 --> 00:46:33,224
the answering of questions.

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00:46:33,224 --> 00:46:36,727
In a way easier here than it
is to respond by email on some

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00:46:36,727 --> 00:46:40,331
levels, so we appreciate the
chance to do this, so keep them

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00:46:40,331 --> 00:46:43,134
coming if you will.

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00:46:43,134 --> 00:46:46,037
At least for some questions.

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00:46:46,037 --> 00:46:46,937
Vince Valdes: Considering
the traffic we're getting,

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00:46:46,937 --> 00:46:48,406
you're not disappointing us.

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00:46:48,406 --> 00:47:00,484
Antoinette Quagliata: We have
another question here on how are

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00:47:00,484 --> 00:47:03,988
autonomous vehicles able to
meet the NHTSA requirements,

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00:47:03,988 --> 00:47:06,991
and are waivers available?

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00:47:06,991 --> 00:47:09,860
Steve Mortensen: Hi.
Steve Mortensen here again.

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00:47:09,860 --> 00:47:13,397
It is a requirement to meet
the federal motor vehicle safety

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00:47:13,397 --> 00:47:15,866
standards, the NHTSA FMVSS.

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00:47:15,866 --> 00:47:19,503
If the vehicle, the automated
vehicle does not meet those

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00:47:19,503 --> 00:47:24,008
standards then the process
is to apply for an exemption,

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00:47:24,008 --> 00:47:25,376
the terms of exemption.

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00:47:25,376 --> 00:47:29,714
It is up to the entity who wants
to use, the client that wants to

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00:47:29,714 --> 00:47:35,252
initiate that request
with NHTSA, not FTA.

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00:47:35,252 --> 00:47:41,892
Antoinette Quagliata: Thank
you, Steve, for mentioning that.

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00:47:41,892 --> 00:47:48,099
As you can see, we have quite a
number of people in the room and

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00:47:48,099 --> 00:47:50,434
a wealth of resources here.

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00:47:50,434 --> 00:47:54,939
We're lucky to have a
great team working on this.

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00:47:54,939 --> 00:47:59,276
Rik Opstelten: Let me
cut in here for a moment.

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00:47:59,276 --> 00:48:01,412

I've seen also a question
about the eligibility of

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00:48:01,412 --> 00:48:03,080
non-profit organizations.

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00:48:03,080 --> 00:48:08,185
Again, if an organization is
providing public transportation

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00:48:08,185 --> 00:48:15,192
they would be eligible to apply
as the lead in a partnership

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00:48:15,192 --> 00:48:18,095
for this opportunity.

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00:48:18,095 --> 00:48:25,603
Antoinette Quagliata: We have
a request that it wasn't clear,

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00:48:25,603 --> 00:48:32,877
if Rik, could you repeat do they
have how many months for planning

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00:48:32,877 --> 00:48:34,445
and for demonstrating.

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00:48:34,445 --> 00:48:37,481
Rik Opstelten: Brief, 12 and
12, 12 months for the planning

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00:48:37,481 --> 00:48:43,087
side of things and 12 months of the
provision of demonstration services.

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00:48:43,087 --> 00:48:47,725
Antoinette Quagliata: Once the
grant is awarded and executed,

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00:48:47,725 --> 00:48:50,261
will it be available in TrAMS?

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00:48:50,261 --> 00:48:52,429
Will it be accessible in TrAMS?

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00:48:52,429 --> 00:48:57,134
Rik Opstelten: All of
our grants and cooperative

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00:48:57,134 --> 00:49:01,238
agreements are managed through
the TrAMS system, so, yes

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00:49:01,238 --> 00:49:03,274
indeed, that will be the case.

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00:49:03,274 --> 00:49:11,649
Antoinette Quagliata: We have
another request to repeat an answer.

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00:49:11,649 --> 00:49:15,052
Danyell, if you could
repeat your response on the

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00:49:15,052 --> 00:49:16,754
ADA compliance.

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00:49:16,754 --> 00:49:17,555
Danyell Diggs: Sure.

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00:49:17,555 --> 00:49:21,091
If it's for public transit and
revenue service and it's on a

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00:49:21,091 --> 00:49:26,764
fixed route, the actual vehicle
must be ADA compliant, which

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00:49:26,764 --> 00:49:30,501
includes wheelchair ramps,
securement such as, tie-backs.

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00:49:30,501 --> 00:49:36,207
If it's on a demand response

route, it may not be accessible

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00:49:36,207 --> 00:49:39,410
but it must have equivalent service.

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00:49:39,410 --> 00:49:41,712
I hope that was clear.

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00:49:41,712 --> 00:50:06,704
Antoinette Quagliata: As
Rik said, we do have time,

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00:50:06,704 --> 00:50:09,240
so feel free to keep adding them in.

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00:50:09,240 --> 00:50:12,943
We are still sorting through
some of the previous questions

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00:50:12,943 --> 00:50:39,503
that were submitted.

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00:50:39,503 --> 00:50:46,243
Again, I want to remind you that
we will be sharing the recording

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00:50:46,243 --> 00:50:50,247
of this webinar soon on our
website and there you will see

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00:50:50,247 --> 00:50:51,916
a transcript as well.

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00:50:51,916 --> 00:50:57,922
Again, if questions we were not
able to address and there are

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00:50:57,922 --> 00:51:04,862
some repeated, some are
specifically tried to address

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00:51:04,862 --> 00:51:09,066

generally as best as we could,
so feel free to submit that

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00:51:09,066 --> 00:51:11,835
question to us directly.

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00:51:11,835 --> 00:51:15,606
We're going to do one more check
to see if anything else has come

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00:51:15,606 --> 00:51:17,808
in that we haven't covered already.

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00:51:17,808 --> 00:51:20,744
Rik Opstelten: I do see
something here across the screen

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00:51:20,744 --> 00:51:24,848
that asks can we fund
an existing service.

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00:51:24,848 --> 00:51:29,753
Frankly, not, right?

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00:51:29,753 --> 00:51:31,355
We are looking for a demonstration.

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00:51:31,355 --> 00:51:34,725
This is a demonstration program,
so by virtue of demonstration

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00:51:34,725 --> 00:51:37,161
something, if we are
demonstrating something there

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00:51:37,161 --> 00:51:42,533
has to be an element whereby
the mobility solution or the

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00:51:42,533 --> 00:51:48,639
activity offered is new and the
demonstration would yield some

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00:51:48,639 --> 00:51:53,043
additional data to our overall
analysis of what are the

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potentials for such services to
provide the goals and objectives

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00:51:57,648 --> 00:52:25,909
that are outlined in the NOFO.

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00:52:25,909 --> 00:52:28,479
Antoinette Quagliata: We
have another question on do AB

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00:52:28,479 --> 00:52:31,515
projects have to meet
Buy America regulations?

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00:52:31,515 --> 00:52:35,719
Steve Mortensen: If general
funds are used to purchase or

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00:52:35,719 --> 00:53:03,247
lease the capital equipment,
they need to meet Buy America.

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00:53:03,247 --> 00:53:05,115
Rik Opstelten: Again, the
question is asked, can one

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00:53:05,115 --> 00:53:08,652
agency propose separate
projects in different categories?

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00:53:08,652 --> 00:53:10,120
That is also possible.

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You can choose to provide one
proposal that integrates across

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00:53:15,259 --> 00:53:19,296
each, any or all of the
three areas of inquiry.

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00:53:19,296 --> 00:53:24,601
It's also feasible to separately
propose projects that respond to

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00:53:24,601 --> 00:53:30,307
only one of each.

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00:53:30,307 --> 00:53:32,443
Antoinette Quagliata: We have
a question here, how is FTA

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00:53:32,443 --> 00:53:36,647
thinking about ADA accessibility
for micro mobility such as

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00:53:36,647 --> 00:53:39,616
bikes, e-bikes and scooters?

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00:53:39,616 --> 00:53:44,888
Rik Opstelten: That's an
area of ongoing discussion,

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00:53:44,888 --> 00:53:46,723
I would say, in a lot of ways.

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00:53:46,723 --> 00:53:50,060
I think it would be interesting
to see solutions offered that

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00:53:50,060 --> 00:53:54,698
would address the potential
universality of such offerings.

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00:53:54,698 --> 00:53:57,634
Vince Valdes: But it is a
concern that we have here that

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00:53:57,634 --> 00:54:03,073
we've been discussing, so any

applications or any proposals

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00:54:03,073 --> 00:54:12,583
that would address this
issue would be welcome.

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00:54:12,583 --> 00:54:14,318
Antoinette Quagliata: I'm
going to put out a final call,

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00:54:14,318 --> 00:54:17,921
if you have any last burning
questions, please go ahead and

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00:54:17,921 --> 00:54:36,473
send that now and we'll
see if we can get that in.

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We'll remind you as well to
please use the NOFO itself as

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00:54:42,012 --> 00:54:45,749
your best guide in putting
together your application and

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00:54:45,749 --> 00:54:48,318
deciding on the
specifics of your project.

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00:54:48,318 --> 00:54:52,656
There's a lot of information and
specifics within the NOFO itself

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that should help us, so please
use that as your primary source

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00:54:57,060 --> 00:55:05,002
of information.

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00:55:05,002 --> 00:55:08,205
Vince Valdes: With that, I

think we've reached the end here.

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00:55:08,205 --> 00:55:12,242

We've gotten some really excellent questions and are

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00:55:12,242 --> 00:55:17,080

really -- I'm very enthusiastic about the response we've gotten

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00:55:17,080 --> 00:55:20,117

and I expect that just from the questions we'll be receiving

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00:55:20,117 --> 00:55:22,920

some amazingly innovative proposals.

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00:55:22,920 --> 00:55:25,722

We encourage you to continue contact with us.

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You'll be seeing additional information from us.

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I want to thank you all for taking the time to participate

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in this information webinar and I just want to thank my team

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here for putting this on and for wanting to have as transparent a

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program as possible.

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This is at the very leading edge of innovation and I hope you all

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00:55:48,212 --> 00:55:49,947
realize and understand that.

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00:55:49,947 --> 00:55:51,748
Again, thank you.

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00:55:51,748 --> 00:55:55,018
We don't know all the answers
but we're certainly working to

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00:55:55,018 --> 00:55:58,822
develop them and we expect
that we would work with our

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00:55:58,822 --> 00:56:06,296
stakeholders to get to the best
solutions for mobility that we can.

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00:56:06,296 --> 00:56:07,898
Antoinette Quagliata: Thank you,
Vince, and thank you everyone.

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00:56:07,898 --> 00:56:11,468
Again, we truly apologize for
all of the technical issues we

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00:56:11,468 --> 00:56:15,172
had during this webinar, but we
appreciate for those of you who

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00:56:15,172 --> 00:56:18,809
stuck with us to make for having
a good conversation at the end.

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00:56:18,809 --> 00:56:20,877
Thank you.