

Rural Transportation Funding Webinar



National RTAP Presentation

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RTAP

Rural Transit
Assistance Program



Overview of National RTAP

- Our mission is to improve the mobility of rural, small urban and tribal communities with populations under 50,000.
- Program founders recognized that transit drivers, dispatchers, maintenance workers, managers, and board members needed special skills and knowledge to provide quality service to their diverse customers across large service areas.

Overview of National RTAP

- Provides Technical Assistance:
 - *Surveys & Reports*
 - *Best Practices*
 - *Research*
 - *Scholarships*
 - *Resource Center*
 - *Peer Network*





National RTAP Review Board

- Guides and informs the work of National RTAP.
- Composed of local operators and state departments of transportation representatives.
- The Board provides in-depth expertise and local perspectives to ensure that products and services are of the highest quality, easily accessible and useable by local transit operators.

Plans for 2009

- Continue the outreach and information delivery through the Resource Center.
- Create a virtual community for RTAP using online message boards and webinars for State managers, various committees, peers and the overall rural transportation community.



A screenshot of the RTAP website homepage. The header includes the RTAP logo and navigation links for Home, National, State, Partners, Tribal, Resources, and Contact Us. A search bar is located in the top right. The main content area is divided into three columns: a "Welcome" section with introductory text, a "RTAP News" section with "National RTAP SURVEY Results" and "Calls for Nominations - National RTAP Board", and a right-hand sidebar with links for Peer Network, Technical Assistance, Newsletter, Calendar, FAQs, Share and Connect, and Download Adobe. The footer contains contact information and copyright details.

Plans for 2009

- Monitor and track utilization of program elements by category, issues, concerns and solutions.



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Plans for 2009

- Conduct significant outreach to State RTAP managers—the first step was a survey.
- Re-establish a national dialogue regarding the impact of RTAP materials by implementing an aggressive outcome and measurement model.



National Rural Transit Assistance Program - RTAP Manager Survey

In an effort to determine the effectiveness of the services and products provided by National RTAP, as well as gain a better understanding of the opinions of RTAP Managers, we are conducting this quick online survey. Please take a few minutes to complete it. A link to a report on survey responses will be sent to you via email after you have completed the survey. A full analysis of the survey, including a report and recommendations will be produced within a month of the completion of the survey. Thank you for participating in this very important step to make National RTAP a more effective resource to you and rural transit providers.

Personal Information

Please use the blank space to write your answers.

Name

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Email Address

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Telephone Number

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Please specify your FTA Region.

Please pick one of the answers below.

- I
- II
- III
- IV
- V
- VI
- VII
- VIII
- IX
- X

Plans for 2009

- Develop and implement a plan to work with Native American tribes.



Proposed Products for 2009

- Risk Management Toolkit
- Rollout Scheduling and Dispatch Module
- Expanded Insurance Primer
- Transit Focused Tribal Tutorial
- Expansion of the Rural Technical Resource & Communications Center (R-TRAC)



5311 Formula Grant Program

- Program Goals

- *Enhance access to healthcare, education, employment, public service, etc.*
- *Maintain, develop, improve the use of public transportation systems*
- *Encourage and facilitate the most efficient use of Federal funds used to provide public transportation*
- *Develop support for intercity bus transportation*
- *Provide for the participation of private transportation providers*



5311 Formula Grant Program

- Eligible Recipients
 - *State and local governments*
 - *Non-profit organizations (including Indian tribes and groups)*
 - *Public transit operators*



5311 Formula Grant Program

- Eligible Purposes
 - *Capital*
 - *Operating*
 - *Administrative*



5311(c) Tribal Transit Program

- Eligible Recipients – Federally Recognized Indian Tribes
- Eligible Purpose – Same as 5311



5311 and 5311(c) Programs

- Next Steps

- *Contact State RTAP Manager – www.nationalrtap.com/state*
- *5311(c) – Work with State RTAP program or go directly to FTA – Lorna Wilson – Office of Transit Programs (202) 366-2053*
- *Contact National RTAP (888) 589-6821*





Welcome

National RTAP is the national arm for the Rural Technical Assistance Program (RTAP). The mission of National RTAP is to improve the mobility of all rural, small urban and tribal communities across the country.

Since its inception in 1987 National RTAP has developed and distributed training materials, provided technical assistance, generated reports, published best practices, conducted research and offered Peer Assistance with the goal of improved mobility for the millions of Americans living in communities with populations under 50,000.

A cooperative agreement funded through the Federal Transit Administration, National RTAP is your connection to transit resources, training and technical assistance. This online transit community will provide you with information on the state and national programs, as well as products and services to assist you in maintaining and improving your local transit system.

Thank you for visiting our website. We look forward to addressing your rural transit needs through the National RTAP Resource Center. Reach us online LIVE, by email at info@nationalrtap.org or use the Hotline Number: 888-589-6821.

News

National RTAP Survey Results

Thank you for your feedback from the latest National RTAP Manager survey. We listened and are working with the National Review Board to incorporate your thoughts and ideas. Here's a short list of the results.

Call for Nominations - National RTAP Board

The National RTAP Review Board is currently soliciting nominations for the 2009 Review Board Year. Please contact ngoldsmith@nationalrtap.org or mark@vatransit.org for more information.

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