

Capitol Region Council of Governments

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Re: Locally Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan: Solicitation for Projects

The Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG) is working with the Central Connecticut Regional Planning Agency, and the Midstate Regional Planning Agency to update the 2007 Locally Coordinated, Public Transit Human Services Transportation Plan (LOCHSTP). The most recent federal transportation bill, SAFETEA-LU, requires that any region that intends to make use of certain Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding prepare a locally developed, coordinated, public transit human services transportation plan. SAFETEA-LU also requires that projects identified for funding as a part of this planning process be competitively selected.

To that end, we have prepared a solicitation package and invite you to submit projects for consideration for funding. This solicitation is specifically related to the following funding programs: Section 5316 Job Access and Reverse Commute Program (JARC); and Section 5317 New Freedom Program. ***Be certain to review all documents, this letter, the attachment that lists the gaps in service identified during the LOCHSTP process, and the Project Proposal and Request for Funding.***

JARC funding is available for projects that assist low income individuals in accessing jobs. The region has a Jobs Access Task Force that has been in place for several years that oversees the development of jobs access services. CRCOG staff will be preparing applications to cover all of the Jobs Access services that are currently in place. Only new projects should be submitted in response to this solicitation. These new projects will be evaluated against the existing services.

New Freedom program funds are available for capital and operating expenses that support new public transportation services beyond those required by the ADA and new public transportation alternatives beyond those required by the ADA.

Please note that any projects funded with JARC or New Freedom funds require certain Federal Transit Administration third party contracting mandates (including alcohol and drug testing.) If you are unfamiliar with these mandates, refer to the federal statutes.

Your completed application should be submitted to Mario Marrero, Capitol Region Council of Governments, 241 Main Street, Hartford, CT 06106 by **Tuesday, January 20, 2009**. Applications received after that date **will not** be considered.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this solicitation.

Sincerely,

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