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Dear Colleague:

The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) Office of Public Transportation is now accepting applications for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) programs:

- U.S.C. 49-5310 – Specialized Transportation for the Elderly and Disabled
- U.S.C. 49-5311 – General Public Transportation in Non-urbanized Areas
- U.S.C. 49-5311 (f) – Intercity Public Transportation in Non-urbanized Areas
- U.S.C. 49-5316 - Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC)
- U.S.C. 49-5317 - New Freedom

The application is to cover your agency needs for State Fiscal Year 2013 (July 01, 2012 through June 30, 2013). **The application is required annually from ALL KDOT funded 5310, 5311, 5316 & 5317 transit provider agencies including those not requesting capital and/or operating expenses.**

The **5311(f)** Intercity Public Transportation application is to cover your agency needs for January 01, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

The application is available on the KDOT Public Transportation website at:

<http://www.ksdot.org/burTransPlan/pubtrans/index.asp>

The purpose of the *U.S.C. 49-5310* program is to provide funds to support private non-profit corporations and authorized governments to provide transportation services to meet the special needs of the elderly and persons with disabilities. Federal funding under this program is available for capital expenditures only. State funding is available for operating expenses up to maximum of \$4,000.00.

The purpose of the *U.S.C. 49-5311* program is to provide funds to support rural and non-urbanized (cities less than 50,000 population) public transportation projects. The goal of the U.S.C. 49-5311 program is to provide services to the general public on an equal opportunity basis. Funds can be used for either operating or capital expenses.

The purpose of the *U.S.C 49-5311(f)* program is to support the connection between non-urbanized areas and the larger regional or national system of intercity bus and to support services to meet the intercity travel needs of residents in non-urbanized areas.

The purpose of the *U.S.C. 49-5316* Job Access & Reverse Commute (JARC) program is to improve access to transportation services to employment and employment related activities for welfare recipients and eligible low income individuals and to transport residents of urbanized and non-urbanized areas to suburban employment opportunities.

The *U.S.C. 49-5317* New Freedom formula grant program aims to provide additional tools to overcome existing barriers facing Americans with disabilities and seeks to reduce the barriers to transportation services and expand

the transportation mobility options available to people with disabilities beyond the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990.

The State funding for urban and rural public transportation for the State fiscal year (SFY) 2013 is budgeted at \$6 million. With the challenging financial situation facing the State of Kansas, it is possible that State fund availability could be reduced, which may increase the requirement for local match.

Applications for the 5310, 5311, 5316 and 5317 funds must be local units of government, Indian Tribes, or private non-profit organizations registered with the Kansas Secretary of State to do business in Kansas. In addition, all applicants must be an **active member in good standing** of their Coordinated Transit District (CTD) in order to receive funding. Those agencies applying for funds in the metropolitan areas of Kansas City, Wichita, Lawrence and Topeka need to contact their respective Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to ensure that their application request is included in the MPO's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

When downloading the applications from the internet potential applicants will need the appropriate application form, application instructions, and vehicle cost estimates. The CTD and KDOT contact lists are also available on the website. Any potential applicants that do not have internet access can request an application by contacting the KDOT Public Transit office.

The application must indicate whether the request is for replacement vehicles, an expansion of services currently provided, a new start application, or if the application is for the funding of only operating assistance. "New Start" is defined as any proposed service that was not previously in existence. "Expansion" defined as adding transit service to areas not already receiving services (for example: providing services to new locations or adding evening and weekend service.)


KDOT has developed selection criteria to be used by the Kansas Coordinated Transit District Council (KCTDC) in evaluating the capital request applications. The applications will be ranked by the KCTDC in February 2011. After the application ranking by the KCTDC, KDOT staff will use the selection criteria in their evaluation of the applications. It should be noted that all items on the application must be completed. Points will be deducted in the ranking process for missing or incomplete information.

**All applications must be received to KDOT (address below) by 3:00 p.m. on Friday, January 27, 2012. Applications received after the deadline will not be accepted.**

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If you have any questions, please contact the appropriate KDOT staff:  
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Sincerely,

  
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