COORDINATED CALL FOR PROJECTS

To ask questions during the webinar……

E-mail: PTN_ProgramMgmt@txdot.gov

TxDOT's responses to questions will be posted on the Public Transportation Division (PTN) website.

Programs Funded under this Coordinated Call for Projects

- 49 U.S.C. § 5304 Planning Assistance (PLN)
- 49 U.S.C. § 5311(b)(3) Rural Transportation Assistance Program (RTAP)
- 49 U.S.C. § 5311 Rural Discretionary (RD)
- 49 U.S.C. § 5311(f) Intercity Bus (ICB)

Important Points

- Read the Entire Call for Projects
  - Regardless of what funding you are applying for, pages 1-13 apply to all applications.
- Appendices A through C should be included with each project
- Respond to all criteria elements of the program(s) for which you are applying
- Be specific and to the point
- One proposal per project
- Applicants must have a master grant agreement and the current FTA Certification and Assurances in place prior to the issuance of a PGA

What to submit .....

ALL PROPOSALS MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

- Applicant Information
- Project Summary
- Obligations Certification
- Evaluation Criteria Information by Funding Program: *Specific funding programs may contain additional evaluation criteria.*
  - Project Description
  - Planning and/or coordination efforts
  - Demonstrated Need & Benefits
  - Evaluation Process including Timeline
  - Project Management Personnel
  - How the project relates to TxDOT' s State Transportation goals
  - Project Budget
- TxDOT will not be responsible for locating or securing information not included in the electronic application. We recommend that applicants review the files for completeness and clarity prior to submission.

Budget Sheet Information

- TDC will be available,
  - must be requested on the budget sheet
- Submit one budget sheet for each program and project
- Budget workbook for RTAP, RD and ICB allows agencies to request up to 3 years of funding. Lumps all match together, agency is to show the source of local match and identify the amount at the bottom of the budget sheet.
- PLN has a budget workbook(can request funds for up to 2 years)

Minor Changes from Previous Coordinated Call

- Layout and verbiage changed for consistency and clarity
- Dates/ Time Frames
- Contact information
- Forms revised

Major Changes from Previous Coordinated Call

- Multiphase projects
  - Requesting complete information regarding capital construction/reconstruction projects
  - Approving the entire construction phase (eliminates the need to resubmit the same project year after year)
- Additional RD program objectives
  - Shale impact projects and facility rehab or replacement projects
- ICB program interest
  - proposals which replace service which has been recently abandoned

Timeline – Key dates and Deadlines

November 18, 2013	**Target date for TxDOT to begin posting responses to written questions on the TxDOT PTN website.**
December 5, 2013	**Statewide Pre-Application Webinar. To include response to written questions submitted by November 27th.**
January 3, 2014	**Deadline for submitting written questions about the call for projects. Questions will no longer be accepted after this date.**
January 15, 2014	**Target date for responses to all written questions to be posted to the TxDOT PTN website.**
February 12, 2014	**Deadline for receipt of applications is 5:00 p.m. CST at TxDOT's PTN office in Austin, Texas.**
April 1, 2014	**Target date for TxDOT to complete the evaluation, prioritization, and negotiation of applications. Deadline for approved FTA environmental clearance for capital projects.**
May 23, 2014	**Target date for presentation of project selection recommendations to the Texas Transportation Commission (commission) for action.**
September 1, 2014	**Target date for most PGA's to be executed, with approved scopes of work and calendars of work.**

Where to Submit Proposals

Proposals are to be submitted electronically. (no paper applications)

- Can be submitted through the TxDOT Dropbox:
  - TxDOT's Drop Box feature is located at https://ftp.dot.state.tx.us/dropbox/?action=mainmenu
- Can also be submitted as a CD/DVD.
  - Mail to: 125 E. 11th St. Austin, TX 78701-2483 or
  - Courier or deliver to: 3712 Jackson Ave. (Camp Hubbard Bldg 6 – PTN 5th Floor) Austin, TX 78731.
- Proposals submitted by CD/DVD should be clearly marked.
  - Texas Department of Transportation
  - Attn: PTN Program Services Section (Confidential)
  - Coordinated Call for Projects
  - Due Date: **February 12, 2014**

Where to ask questions.....

- For clarification of the specification(s) of this Call for Projects, proposers may contact:

  E-mail: PTN_ProgramMgmt@txdot.gov

- TxDOT's responses to written questions will be posted on the Public Transportation Division (PTN) website.

- Interested proposers should check the website periodically for updates.

- Questions due by January 3, 2014

Webpage Information

http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/division/public-transportation/local-assistance.html