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Department of
Veterans Affairs

Veterans Transportation & Community Living Initiative

APPLICANT WEBINAR

**2:00-4:00 p.m. Eastern
March 6, 2012**



AGENDA

- I. Welcome & Housekeeping**
- II. Program Overview & Purpose**
- III. Application and Award Details**
- IV. Application Process**
- V. Tips for Success**
- VI. Participant Questions**

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Part I:

WELCOME & HOUSEKEEPING

Housekeeping

- Audio through computer - Please DO NOT call in until Q&A period
- Questions can be taken through Q&A box in webinar system
 - Type in questions whenever convenient
 - Will be answered at end of each section
- Webinar materials & recording will be posted at www.fta.dot.gov/veterans

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Part II:

PROGRAM OVERVIEW & PURPOSE

“Access to reliable and affordable transportation is an essential ingredient to empower today’s service members, veterans, and their families to participate fully and successfully in their communities and achieve economic stability.”

~ Ray LaHood,
Secretary of Transportation



Direct Funding Partners

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Department of Labor

Other Partners

Department of Defense
Department of Health & Human Services
Military and Veterans Service Organizations

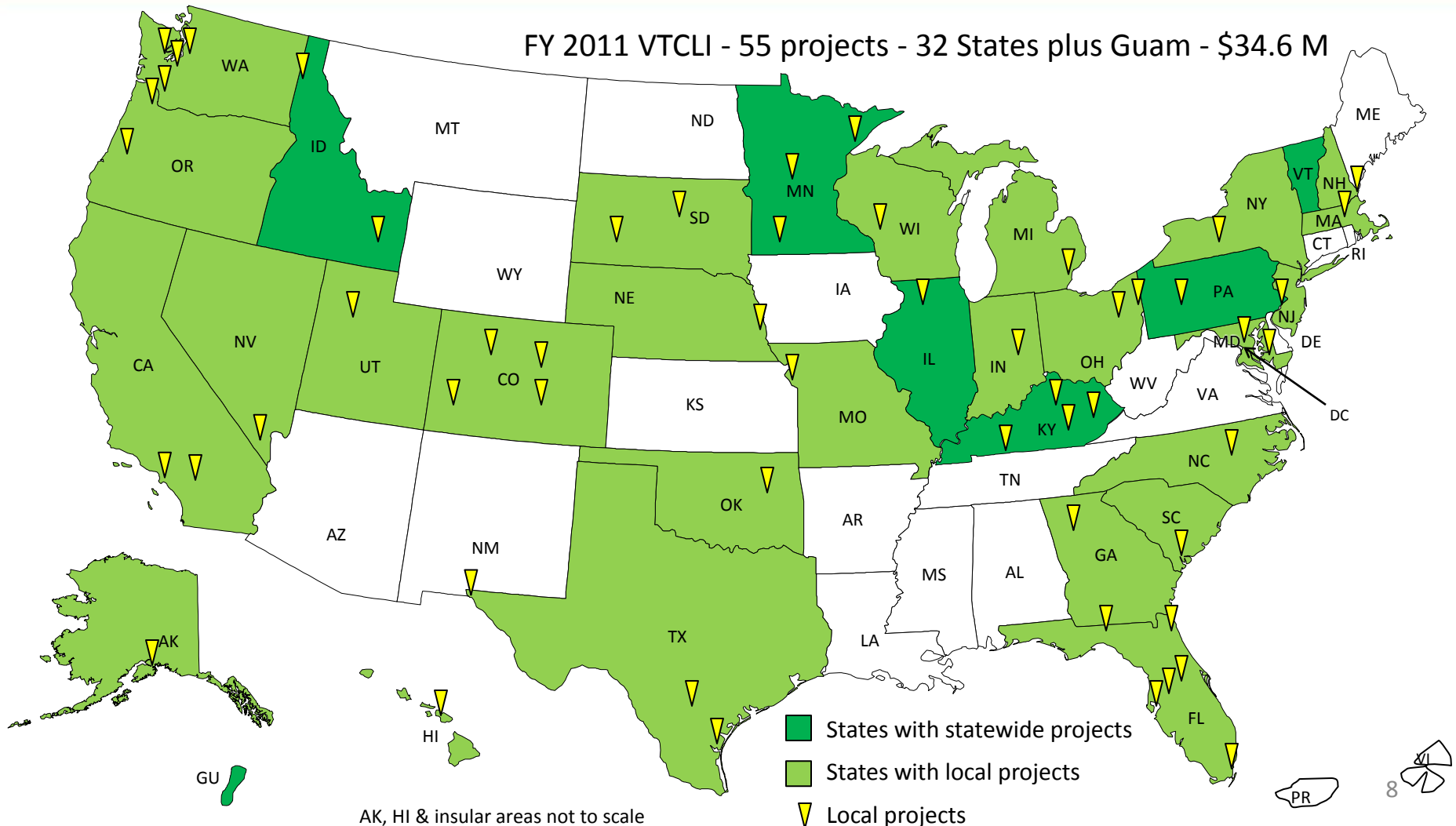
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FY 2011 VTCLI - 55 projects - 32 States plus Guam - \$34.6 M





Program Purpose

- Build on Success of FTA's United We Ride "One Call Center" Model
- Bring Together Available Transportation Services With Human Service Programs—Especially for Veterans and Military Families

Program Overview & Benefits

- Enhance local and community partnerships
- Integrate services that help U.S. veterans and military families connect with local transportation options
- Improve access to home- and community-based services for transportation disadvantaged
- Reflect intent of Supreme Court's Olmstead Decision
- Align with White House Joining Forces Initiative

Program Overview & Benefits

- Improve Access to Jobs, Education, Health Care, Other Services
- Better Information-Sharing Leads to More Efficient Delivery of Available Transportation Services
- Communities Gain Access to Valuable Training, Technology, and Tools

Project Goals

1. Establish or expand a one-call/one-click transportation resource center
 - Include resources for veterans, service members and military families
 - Promote use of center with military community
2. Create partnerships between transportation providers and veterans and military communities
3. Increase involvement of veterans and military communities in local Coordinated Human Services Transportation Planning process

Project Expectations

- Continued development of partnerships with Veterans and Military Service Organizations (VSO/MSO)
- Partnership including VSO/MSOs will be continually involved in the design and implementation of project
- Community will update Coordinated Plan to address transportation needs of veteran & military community (or verify it has already done so)

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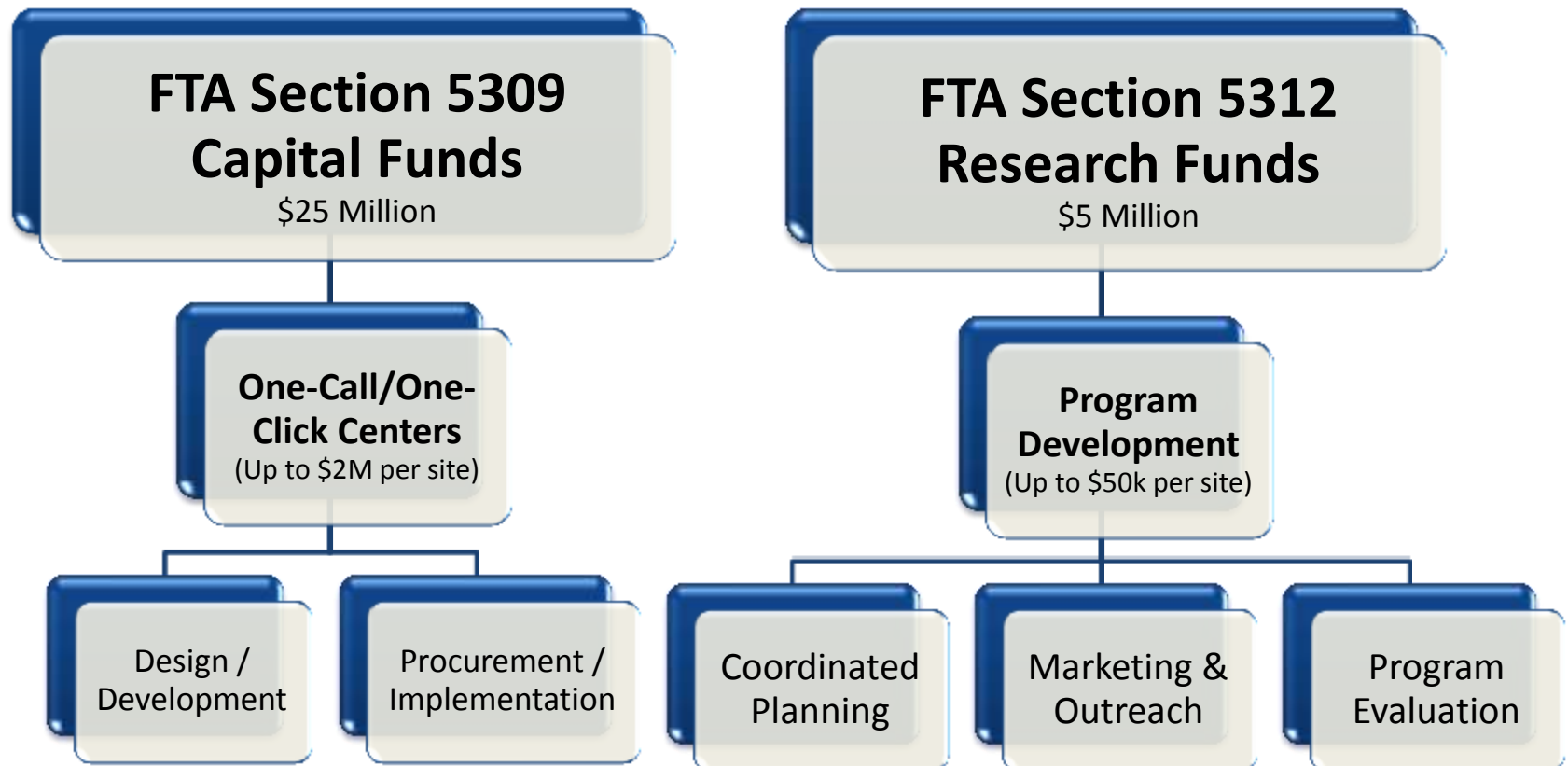
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Part III:

APPLICATION AND AWARD DETAILS

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Section 5309 Award Details

Total DOT Funding — \$25 Million

- Up to \$2 Million for Single Grant
- FTA Section 5309 Bus & Bus Facilities Program
 - All Federal Requirements Apply
 - Pre-Award Authority can be requested upon selection
- Capital Costs to Implement, Expand, Increase Access to One-Call/One-Click Transportation Resource Centers
- Required Local Match of at least 20% of total project cost
 - If federal request is \$2M, local match must be \$500k i.e. 20% of total \$2.5M cost

Eligible Applicants

Directly Eligible Applicants

- Direct Recipients under FTA Section 5307
- Local Governments
- States
- Indian Tribes

Eligible Sub-recipients

- Public Agencies
- Private Nonprofits (MSO, VSO)
- Private Transportation Providers

First-time FTA grant applicants encouraged to find existing grantee to be direct recipients

Eligible Capital Expenses (§5309)

- Hardware (Computers, Servers)
- In-Vehicle Technology
- Software (Scheduling, dispatching, mobile apps, etc.)
- Other Capital Costs
 - Facility-Related Capital (Purchase, Alteration, Lease)
 - Design & Engineering
 - Project Administration (Up to 10% of Costs)



Ineligible Capital Expenses (§5309)

- Vehicle Acquisition
- Preventive Maintenance
- Mobility Management
- Cost of Operating One-Call Center

Section 5312 Award Details

Total DOT Funding – Approximately \$5 Million

- Up to \$50,000 (or 50% of §5309 request) per project
- Demonstrate the successful implementation of One-Call/One-Click capital project
- Non-capital costs with focus on reaching veteran & military community
 - Marketing, outreach programs, coordinated planning, program evaluation
- 100% federal share
- Must be linked to a 5309 capital request



Eligible Research Expenses (§5312)

- Marketing
- Outreach/Training
- Coordinated Planning
- Program Evaluation
- Non-capital project development expenses



Ineligible Research Expenses (§5312)

- Cost of Operating One-Call Center
- Mobility management and other activities not directly associated with capital project

What to address

The VTCLI II awards will go to communities whose proposals:

1. Identify transportation and mobility needs of their veterans and military community;
2. Propose to create or increase access to a community One-Call/ One-Click Center or expand an existing community One-Call/One-Click Center to include transportation resources and address identified needs of veterans and military families;
3. Demonstrate a community coalition of transportation, military family and veteran service providers which has participated in the proposal writing and will guide the project implementation;
4. Commit to increase involvement of veterans and the military community in locally coordinated transportation planning, including revising the community Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan, to address the needs of these target groups; and
5. Lay out a framework for measuring the performance of the project in meeting the goals of the VTCLI.

Evaluation Criteria

- Planning & Partnerships
- Readiness
- Technical, Legal, Financial Capacity
- Demonstration of Need
- Research (for applicants requesting \$5312 funds)

See Evaluation Criteria outline:

http://www.fta.dot.gov/grants/sitemap_14335.html

Planning & Partnerships

- Demonstrate Strong Partnerships with All of These:
 - Transportation Organizations
 - Veteran/Military Governmental service providers
 - Veteran/Military Service and Military Family Organizations
 - Existing One-Call/One-Click Service or Transportation Center
- Experience in coordinated transportation
- Experience in addressing veteran/military mobility needs



Readiness

- Project goals
- Prior work on One-Call/One-Click issues
- Identify direct recipient of funding



Technical, Legal & Financial Capacity

- Commitment to update Coordinated Plan
- Identify local technical assistance needs
- Development of project performance measures
- Local match & financial sustainability



Demonstration of Need

- Veteran and military community demographics
- Mobility barriers and challenges
- Demonstration of project's potential to meet needs



Research

- Discussion of activities to be carried out
- Demonstrated importance of activities to successful implementation of capital project
- Focus on reaching veteran/military community

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Part IV:

APPLICATION PROCESS

How to Submit

- Must Submit Electronically Through GRANTS.GOV
- SF424 Form (through GRANTS.GOV)
- [FTA Required Supplemental Form](#)
- Submit at Least 72 Hours Prior to Deadline

Deadline: 11:59PM EDT Thursday, April 19, 2012

Electronic Application Process

- Update Central Contractor Registration (CCR) early
- Authorized official submits in [GRANTS.GOV](https://www.grants.gov)
- Attach SF424, FTA Supplemental Form, supporting documents
- FTA Discretionary Grants System downloads information from GRANTS.GOV
- Check for automated error messages
- Technical difficulties with Grants.gov: support@grants.gov or 1-800-518-4726

Common Application Errors

- Attaching a Blank or Partially Completed Supplemental Form – or No Form at All
- Attaching a scanned copy of the Supplemental Form to the SF 424 Form
- Attaching an Incorrect (Unrelated) Supplemental Form to the SF 424
- Budget Amount on SF 424 Does not Match Budget Amount on Supplemental Form (Must Match)

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Part V:

TIPS FOR SUCCESS

Application Tips

- Review the [NOFA](#) Thoroughly
- Keep application narrative concise and wholly contained in Supplemental Form
- Strong Local Partnerships Increase Chance of Selection
- Leverage Other Federal, State, Local Funds Beyond Required Match



Applicant Resources

- Potential partners
- Sources of operating funds
- Serving your Military Community
- One-Call/One-Click assessment tool
- www.fta.dot.gov/veterans

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Part VI:

PARTICIPANT QUESTIONS

Call-in Number: 1-877-873-8017 – Access Code: 2956512

Click “Raise Hand” in Adobe Connect to be called on

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Or

Submit Questions Directly To:
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