

TSGP Conference Call Summary
February 22, 2012
1:00PM EST

Opening Comments:

Hello everyone and thank you for calling into our now weekly Transit Security Grant Program (TSGP) conference call as we are currently in the fiscal year (FY) 2012 application cycle. As many of you know the Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) was released last Friday, February 17th, 2012.

There are a few changes we would like to highlight. First, the dollar amount for FY 2012 is significantly less than last year. TSGP funding for this year is \$87.5M; eligibility remains the same. At a high level the project types and allowable costs remain the same. There has been an expansion to allowable maintenance and sustainment costs. You are now able to apply for maintenance and sustainment of equipment not previously purchased with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) grant funds, as well as, sustaining prior year operational package project types. The period of performance (POP) has been changed from last year. Last year, capital projects had a POP of 48 months, and operational projects had a POP of 36 months. This year all project types have a POP of 24 months.

The application cycle began upon the release of the FOA last Friday and per the Appropriations Bill, applications are due 80 days later. That is a longer submission period than last year. There are a couple key dates to keep in mind. On Friday, April 27th the SF-424 must be submitted into the grants.gov system. Once submitted and reviewed your application will then be transferred into FEMA's ND grants system. The final completed application with all required documents, including Investment Justifications (IJs) and detailed budgets, will need to be submitted through ND grants no later than 11:59pm EDT on Friday May 4, 2012. Once applications are received and reviewed the awards announcement is anticipated on or about Friday, June 29th, 2012.

Due to decreased funding the number of IJs an eligible applicant may submit has decreased from 15 to 8 per transit agency per region. For those law enforcement agencies providing security for the transit agencies, an additional 5 IJs may be submitted for a total of 13 for that transit agency/law enforcement entity combination.

Hopefully everyone received the save the date email for the upcoming workshops. If you did not receive this information, please let us know and we will forward you the details. Two workshops have been scheduled and the same information will be provided in both so there is no need to attend both. Travel expenses related to attending one of the workshops is an allowable use of grants Management and Administration (M&A) funds.

Tuesday, March 13, 2012 (10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.)

LYNX Central Station
2nd Floor Training Room
455 North Garland Avenue
Orlando, FL 32801

Thursday, March 15, 2012 (10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.)

City of Phoenix Public Transportation Department
Conference Room 7A (7th Floor)
302 N. 1st Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85003

In order to register please send an email with your name, organization, and title, as well as which workshop you plan to attend, to ASKCsid@dhs.gov, as soon as possible but no later than Wednesday, March 7, 2012.

For those that are not able to attend the workshops a teleconference call is scheduled on Tuesday, March 20, 2012, further details will follow.

All workshop materials, PowerPoint presentations, and Question and Answer material will be posted, once finalized, on TSA's website www.tsa.gov/grants.

Questions and Answers:

Q: How broadly will project submissions for equipment not previously funded by DHS grants be reviewed? What type of equipment can we apply for?

A: As we have always said in the past if you do not apply for a project type then we cannot consider it. We will be looking at equipment types broadly; however your request must align all requests with one of the core capabilities of the National Preparedness Goal (Prevent, Protect, Mitigate, Respond, Recover).

Q: There is reference in the FOA about the potential for a pre-award authority with permission. Does that mean if we receive pre-award authority on a project for which we have the opportunity to have procurement in place prior to actual award that we could proceed prior to the September 30, 2012 award date?

A: Please submit that question via email to FEMA at ASKCsid@dhs.gov.

Q: Can a maintenance contract go beyond the 24 month POP?

A: No. It is intended that all funds be used within the POP.

Q: Where can I find in the FOA what assets are listed on the Top Transit Asset List (TTAL)?

A: That list is considered Sensitive Security Information (SSI) which is why it is not posted publicly. In Appendix A of the FOA, agencies that have assets on the TTAL are marked. If your agency is identified as having an asset on the TTAL, we will provide you with the asset(s) names separately, in accordance with proper SSI handling. If you have an asset you would like have submitted for inclusion on the TTAL there is an asset inclusion application guide posted on the TSA Grants website (http://www.tsa.gov/what_we_do/grants/programs/tsgp/2012).

Closing Comments:

We appreciate everyone calling in. We will be holding these calls weekly during the application period through May 2, 2012. The calls are a good opportunity for you to ask questions during the

application process and we also use these calls as an opportunity to provide you with any new information that we have.

Our next scheduled call will be next Wednesday, February 29, 2012. The call in number will remain the same 888-323-4702 and the pass code is Wednesday.

Any questions received in the calls and/or through email will be posted on our website regularly, no less than once a week depending on the number of questions.

If you have any questions prior to the next call, you may submit them via an email to ASKCSID (ASKCsid@dhs.gov) and carbon copy TSA Grants (TSAGrants@tsa.dhs.gov).

Thank you. This concludes the call.