

TSGP Conference Call Summary
March 7, 2012
1:00PM EST

Opening Comments:

Hello, everyone and thank you for calling in to our now weekly Transit Security Grant Program (TSGP) conference call. As we are currently in fiscal year (FY) 2012 application cycle, these conference calls will occur weekly through May 2, 2012.

We do not have any new updates at this time; however we wanted to remind everyone that two workshops are scheduled for next week in Orlando, FL on March 13, 2012 and Phoenix, AZ on March 15, 2012. Both of the workshops will cover the same material. The workshops will begin at 9 a.m. and run until 3 p.m., local time. Additional time was added to provide FEMA an opportunity to present the FY 2013 National Preparedness Grant Program Vision Document and the changes that are being proposed for future grant programs under the President's budget. This is a good opportunity to view the look ahead for FY 2013 and it provides an occasion in which you can have your questions answered.

The deadline to register for the workshops is today. If you have not already registered please provide your name, organization, and title, as well as which workshop you plan to attend to ASKCsid@fema.gov.

There are a few key dates to keep in mind. On Friday, April 27, 2012 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.

Questions and Answers:

Q: Where can I find a full list of eligible transit agencies?

A: The full list of eligible agencies can be found in the TSGP Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) in Appendix A, beginning on page 19.

Q: Would a bus company be eligible for this grant program?

A: This grant program is tied to the 9/11 Act which provides public transportation security assistance to public transit agencies which includes intra-city bus and some commuter bus services. A private commuter bus company such as Greyhound or a charter bus company would not be eligible for TSGP funding.

Q: Would a highway be considered critical transit infrastructure?

A: A highway is not considered infrastructure under TSGP, and would not be eligible as it is not owned by a specific public transit agency.

Q: We currently have a shovel ready project that has gone through a EHP review for a road near high visibility critical infrastructure, would that qualify?

A: In general, in order for any project to be considered, it would have to be submitted by a TSGP eligible public transit agency, and fall under one of the Funding Priority Areas specified in the FY 2012 TSGP FOA in Appendix B, page 26. Once you have had a chance to review the list of eligible transit agencies and allowable costs, you can submit specific eligibility or project related questions to us at TSAGrants@tsa.dhs.gov for further assistance.

Closing Comments:

We appreciate everyone calling in. Any questions received in calls, at meetings, and/or through email are posted on our website regularly.

(http://www.tsa.gov/what_we_do/grants/programs/tsgp/2012) Our next scheduled call will be next Wednesday March 14, 2012. The call in number will remain the same 888-323-4702 and the pass code is Wednesday.

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

Thank you. This concludes the call.