

IBSGP Conference Call Summary
June 14, 2011
1:00PM EDT

Opening Comments:

Good afternoon, this is the weekly and final fiscal year (FY) 2011 Intercity Bus Security Grant Program (IBSGP) conference call. As you all are aware the deadline for submitting your SF-424 via grants.gov was yesterday. We have seen some preliminary numbers on applications that will be submitted and it is a good turn out. Even with compressed timelines, the submission of the SF-424s was successful. We are looking forward to seeing and reviewing your applications that are due through ND grants on June 20, 2011. We have not received any questions over the past week. As a result all questions and answers are already posted on our TSA Grants website (www.tsa.gov/grants).

At this time we would like to open the line to any questions.

Questions and Answers:

Q: Although the deadline for the submission of the SF-424 was yesterday it is my understanding that we can still submit the SF-424; however the application may not be processed. Is this correct?

A: Yes. FEMA indicated in the workshop that it will take some time from the submittal of the SF-424 to be processed through ND grants, so there may not be enough time for your application to be processed if you did not submit your SF-424 by yesterday. However, FEMA also said they would not refuse a good project due to technical difficulties.

Q: What is considered a scalable project? Could it be a project in which we request funds for both cameras and GPS and you could approve one or the other? And/or could it be a project where we request GPS for 50 buses and it can be scaled to 25 buses?

A: Both of those are considered scalable projects. A scalable project could be an application for a certain number of units of equipment, or different project types.

Q: Would submitting that type of application put the project at a disadvantage?

A: No. An expensive project does not equal a bad project, and we would look to partially fund projects as appropriate/necessary.

Q: Do you foresee any extensions on the final submittal deadline?

A: Not at this time. We have already preliminarily received a large number of requests and the compressed timeline has not seemed to burden applicants.

Q: Would a project for backup generators for a security system that is monitored 24 hours a day be applicable for this type of grant?

A: Yes. That would fall under facility security enhancements.

Closing Comments:

Thank you for calling in. If you have any questions during the remainder of the application period you can email ASKCSID (ASKCSID@dhs.gov) and TSA Grants (TSAGrants@tsa.dhs.gov). We look forward to receiving and reviewing your applications.

Thank you.
This concludes the call.