



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



2800 BERLIN TURNPIKE, P.O. BOX 317546
NEWINGTON, CONNECTICUT 06131-7546

Phone:

October 14, 2011

To: Regional Planning Organization (RPO) Directors

From: Maribeth Wojenski *Maribeth Wojenski*
Transportation Assistant Planning Director
Bureau of Policy and Planning

Subject: Transportation Enhancement Program - Call for Applications

In cooperation with the RPOs, the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection and the Federal Highway Administration, the Department of Transportation (Department) has updated the program guidelines for the federal Transportation Enhancement Program (23 U.S.C. 133 and 23 U.S.C. 101). Attached please find the State Program Guide, entitled "Connecticut's 2011 Statewide Transportation Enhancement Program Guide," as well as the associated Program Application and RPO Allocation Priority Listing Form. These materials are also accessible from the Department's website at <http://www.ct.gov/dot/tep>.

The Department is hopeful that this federal aid program will continue to be funded in future years. As such, we are requesting the RPOs to solicit for and identify a listing of priority initiatives to program the four-year combined RPO Allocation. The anticipated sub-allocated shares by region for the four year period of federal fiscal years 2013 through 2016 are identified in the State Program Guide.

The State Program Guide provides direction on eligibility, programming of funds, and candidate project solicitation for the RPO Allocation as well as various references for additional information. Please review the materials carefully and assist applicants in developing viable, regionally-significant projects. As a reminder, the program is open to various entities with the support of a Project Sponsor, as outlined in the discussion of key players in the State Program Guide. In your solicitation of candidate projects, please consider the many possible sources of project concepts as well as financing.

Each RPO is requested to submit a RPO Allocation Priority Listing Form and associated applications to the Department by February 1, 2012. All materials should be forwarded directly to the Program Coordinator, Ms. Carla A. Iezzi, according to the instructions outlined in the State Program Guide, Program Application and RPO Allocation Priority Listing Form.

As always, the partnership between your agency and ours is important to successful implementation of projects under this program. Thank you for your continued support and collaboration in this effort. If you have any questions on the program, please contact Ms. Iezzi at (860) 594-2153.

Attachments

cc: Ms. Amy Jackson-Grove, FHWA
Ms. Eloise Powell, FHWA
Mr. Kenneth Shooshan-Stoller, FHWA
Mr. Erik Shortell, FHWA
Ms. Mary Beth Mello, FTA
Mr. Peter Butler, FTA
Ms. Joanne Weinstock - FTA
Mr. William Gordon, FTA
Ms. Laurie Giannotti, CT DEP
Mr. David Bahlman, SHPO
Connecticut Bicycle and Pedestrian Board
Connecticut Horse Council
Ms. Tracy Laden Loh, National Transportation Enhancement Clearinghouse
Transit Districts