

- The actual 1-page, 2009 Applicant's Area of Interest/Geographical Preference Sheet, also included on this site.

- For Undergraduate Students: A typed essay, 1-page, double-spaced, minimum 12-point type, on your transportation interests, describing how participation in the 2009 STIPDG will enhance educational and career plans and goals.

- For Graduate Students: A writing sample representing your educational and career plans and goals.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Transit Administration

#### Over-the-Road Bus Accessibility Program Announcement of Project Selections

**AGENCY:** Federal Transit Administration, DOT.

#### **ACTION:** Notice of Project Selections.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announces the selection of projects to be funded under Fiscal Year (FY) 2007 and FY 2008 appropriations for the Over-the-Road Bus (OTRB) Accessibility Program, authorized by section 3038 of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21). The OTRB Accessibility Program makes funds available to private operators of over-the-road buses to help finance the incremental capital and training costs of complying with DOT's Over-the-Road Bus accessibility rule.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The appropriate FTA Regional Office for grant-specific issues (Appendix A); or Blenda Younger, Office of Program Management, 202-366-2053, for general information about the OTRB Program.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

A total of \$15.9 million, which includes \$7.6 million in FY 2007 funds and \$8.3 million in FY 2008 funds is available for allocation. Of the FY 2007 funds, \$5.7 million is available to be awarded to intercity fixed-route providers and \$1.9 million is available for other providers. Also, of the FY 2008 funds, \$6.225 million is available to be awarded to intercity fixed-route providers and \$2.075 million is available for other providers. The category of other providers includes commuter, charter, and tour bus operators.

A total of 123 applicants requested \$41.6 million: \$21.8 million was requested by intercity fixed-route providers, and \$19.8 million was requested by all other providers. Project selections were made on a discretionary basis, based on each applicant's responsiveness to statutory project selection criteria, fleet size, and level of funding received in previous years. Because of the high demand for the funds available, most successful applicants received less funding than they requested, and applicants who did not meet the statutory criteria were not selected for funding. Selected projects will result in the addition of lifts to 375 new vehicles, the retrofitting of 96

vehicles, and \$136,915 for training in the proper operation of the equipment. Each of the following 79 awardees listed in Table 1, as well as the 44 applicants who were not selected for funding, will receive a letter that explains how funding decisions were made.

Eligible project costs may be incurred by awardees prior to final grant approval. The incremental capital cost for adding wheelchair lift equipment to any new vehicles delivered on or after June 9, 1998, the effective date of TEA-21, is eligible for funding under the OTRB Accessibility Program. Applicants selected for funding may be contacted by FTA regional offices if additional information is needed before grants are made. Awards are processed through FTA's electronic grants management system, TEAM-WEB, and the project identification (ID) listed will be used to track the obligation of funds for the projects selected. The grant applications will be sent to the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) for certification under labor protection requirements pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 5333(b). After referring applications to affected employees represented by a labor organization, DOL will issue a certification to FTA. Terms and conditions of the certification will be incorporated in the FTA grant agreement under the new guidelines replacing those in 29 CFR part 215. Please see Amendment to Section 5333(b), Guidelines to Carry Out New Programs Authorized by the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21); Final Rule (64 FR 40990, July 28, 1999).

Issued in Washington, DC, this 15th day of August, 2008.

**James S. Simpson,**

*Administrator.*

#### **Appendix A**

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Robert C. Patrick: Regional Administrator, Region 6—Ft. Worth, 819 Taylor Street, Room 8A36, Ft. Worth, TX 76102. Tel. 817-978-0550. States served: Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Texas.

Brigid Hynes-Cherin, Regional Administrator, Region 2—New York, One Bowling Green, Room 429, New York, NY 10004-1415. Tel. No. 212-668-2170. States served: New Jersey, New York.

Mokhtee Ahmad, Regional Administrator, Region 7—Kansas City, MO, 901 Locust Street, Room 404, Kansas City, MO 64106. Tel. 816-329-3920. States served: Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska.

Letitia Thompson, Regional Administrator, Region 3—Philadelphia, 1760 Market Street, Suite 500, Philadelphia, PA 19103–4124. Tel. 215–656–7100. States served: Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, and District of Columbia.	Terry Rosapep, Regional Administrator, Region 8—Denver, 12300 West Dakota Ave., Suite 310, Lakewood, CO 80228–2583. Tel. 720–963–3300. States served: Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming.
Yvette Taylor, Regional Administrator, Region 4—Atlanta, 230 Peachtree Street, NW., Suite 800, Atlanta, GA 30303. Tel. 404–865–5600. States served: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, Islands.	Leslie T. Rogers, Regional Administrator, Region 9—San Francisco, 201 Mission Street, Room 1650, San Francisco, CA 94105–1926. Tel. 415–744–3133. States served: American Samoa, Arizona, California, Guam, Hawaii, Nevada, and the Northern Mariana Islands.
Marisol Simon, Regional Administrator, Region 5—Chicago, 200 West Adams Street, Suite 320, Chicago, IL 60606. Tel. 313–353–2789. States served: Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin.	Rick Krochalis, Regional Administrator, Region 10—Seattle, Jackson Federal Building, 915 Second Avenue, Suite 3142, Seattle, WA 98174–1002. Tel. 206–220–7954. States served: Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington.

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Table 1

AWARD AMOUNT					
Operator	City/State	Intercity Fixed-Route	Other	Total	Project ID
<b>Region I</b>					
Arrow Line	E. Hartford, CT		\$155,550	\$155,550	D2007-OTRB-001
Bonanza Bus Lines	Providence, RI	\$194,830		\$194,830	D2007-OTRB-002
Cavalier Coach Trailways	Boston, MA		\$41,000	\$41,000	D2007-OTRB-003
C&J Trailways	Portsmouth, NH	\$76,600		\$76,600	D2007-OTRB-004
Coach Tours, LTD.	Brookfield, CT		\$26,100	\$26,100	D2007-OTRB-005
Concord Coach Lines	Concord, NH	\$48,400		\$48,400	D2007-OTRB-006
Dattco, Inc.	New Britain, CT		\$30,600	\$30,600	D2007-OTRB-007
Flagship Trailways	Johnston, RI		\$41,000	\$41,000	D2007-OTRB-008
Northeast Charter & Tour Co., Inc.	Lewiston, ME		\$41,901	\$41,901	D2007-OTRB-009
Peter Pan Bus Lines	Springfield, MA	\$378,684		\$378,684	D2007-OTRB-010
Plymouth & Brockton	Plymouth, MA	\$55,620		\$55,620	D2007-OTRB-011
<b>Region II</b>					
Adirondack Trailways	Hurley, NY	\$441,000		\$441,000	D2007-OTRB-012
Classic Coach	Bohemia, NY	\$92,250		\$92,250	D2007-OTRB-013
Hampton Jitney, Inc.	Southampton, NY	\$89,412		\$89,412	D2007-OTRB-014
Paradise Trailways	Hicksville, NY		\$44,158	\$44,158	D2007-OTRB-015
Southern Tier Stages, Inc.	Endicott, NY		\$53,000	\$53,000	D2007-OTRB-016
Swartout Coaches, Inc.	Ithaca, NY		\$31,080	\$31,080	D2007-OTRB-017
<b>Region III</b>					
A P Xpress Bus Company	Capital Heights, MD		\$85,980	\$85,980	D2007-OTRB-018
Butler Motor Transit	Butler, PA		\$89,100	\$89,100	D2007-OTRB-019
Capitol Trailways	Harrisburg, PA	\$110,565		\$110,565	D2007-OTRB-020
Carl R. Bieber, Inc.	Kutztown, PA	\$121,624		\$121,624	D2007-OTRB-021
David Thomas Tours, Inc.	Philadelphia, PA	\$27,200		\$27,200	D2007-OTRB-022
First Priority Tours, Inc.	District Heights, MD		\$89,550	\$89,550	D2007-OTRB-023
Fullington Trailways	Clearfield, PA	\$201,800		\$201,800	D2007-OTRB-024
Keller Transportation, Inc.	Waldorf, MD	\$470,496		\$470,496	D2007-OTRB-025
Lenzer Coach Lines	Sewickley, PA		\$78,686	\$78,686	D2007-OTRB-026
Martz Trailways	Wilkes-Barre, PA	\$379,672		\$379,672	D2007-OTRB-027
R & J Transportation, Inc.	Pottsville, PA		\$29,999	\$29,999	D2007-OTRB-028
Trans-Bridge Lines	Bethlehem, PA	\$93,970		\$93,970	D2007-OTRB-029
<b>Region IV</b>					
American Coach Lines of Miami	Miami, FL	\$156,200		\$156,200	D2007-OTRB-030
Blue Grass Tours, Inc.	Lexington, KY		\$24,680	\$24,680	D2007-OTRB-031
Discovery Charters, Inc.	Longwood, FL		\$27,063	\$27,063	D2007-OTRB-032
Endeavor Bus Lines	Miami, FL		\$116,562	\$116,562	D2007-OTRB-033
First Class Coach Company, Inc.	St. Petersburg, FL	\$120,800		\$120,800	D2007-OTRB-034
Florida Cruise Connection, Inc.	Sarasota, FL	\$104,670		\$104,670	D2007-OTRB-035
Majestic Tours	Rock Hill, SC		\$46,000	\$46,000	D2007-OTRB-036
Midnight Sun Tours, Inc.	Lake Worth, FL		\$78,600	\$78,600	D2007-OTRB-037
Royal Tours & Trailways, Inc.	Randleman, NC		\$40,000	\$40,000	D2007-OTRB-038
<b>Region V</b>					
Able Trek Tours, Inc.	Reedsburg, WI		\$25,159	\$25,159	D2007-OTRB-039
American Heritage Trails, LLC	LaOtto, IN		\$30,070	\$30,070	D2007-OTRB-040
Colonial Coach Lines, Inc.	Mount Prospect, IL	\$403,000		\$403,000	D2007-OTRB-041
Compass Coach	Cedar Springs, MI		\$23,721	\$23,721	D2007-OTRB-042
Dean Charters & Tours, Inc.	Lansing, MI		\$139,000	\$139,000	D2007-OTRB-043
Indian Trails, Inc.	Owosso, MI		\$45,720	\$45,720	D2007-OTRB-044
Jefferson Lines	Minneapolis, MN	\$238,400		\$238,400	D2007-OTRB-045
Keeshin Charter Service	Chicago, IL		\$56,000	\$56,000	D2007-OTRB-046
Kobussen Buses LTD.	Kaukauna, WI		\$28,906	\$28,906	D2007-OTRB-047
Lakefront Lines, Inc.	Brook Park, OH	\$97,353		\$97,353	D2007-OTRB-048
Lamers Bus Lines, Inc.	Green Bay, WI		\$82,991	\$82,991	D2007-OTRB-049
Megabus USA	Chicago, IL	\$420,000		\$420,000	D2007-OTRB-050
Miller Transportation	Indianapolis, IN		\$41,000	\$41,000	D2007-OTRB-051
Pioneer Coach Lines, Inc.	Mount Prospect, IL		\$255,000	\$255,000	D2007-OTRB-052
Riteway Bus Service, Inc.	Richfield, WI	\$86,482		\$86,482	D2007-OTRB-053
Thompson Motorcoach	Indianapolis, IN		\$143,000	\$143,000	D2007-OTRB-054

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Operator	City/State	Intercity Fixed-Route	Other	Total	Project ID
Van Galder Bus Company	Janesville, WI	\$297,540		\$297,540	D2007-OTRB-055
Wisconsin Coach Lines	Waukesha, WI		\$108,000	\$108,000	D2007-OTRB-056
<b>Region VI</b>					
ACH Travel & Tours, Inc.	Pharr, TX		\$75,000	\$75,000	D2007-OTRB-057
All Aboard America	Santa Fe, NM		\$212,800	\$212,800	D2007-OTRB-058
Americanos USA, LLC	Dallas, TX		\$264,600	\$264,600	D2007-OTRB-059
Calco Travel, Inc.	Geishmar, LA		\$183,000	\$183,000	D2007-OTRB-060
Crucero USA, LLC	Dallas, TX	\$151,200		\$151,200	D2007-OTRB-061
Del Valle Grand Turismo, Inc.	Pharr, TX		\$74,000	\$74,000	D2007-OTRB-062
Eagle Tours, Inc.	Irving, TX		\$51,050	\$51,050	D2007-OTRB-063
Greyhound Lines, Inc.	Dallas, TX	\$6,361,200		\$6,361,200	D2007-OTRB-064
Kerville Bus Co.	San Antonio, TX	\$160,650		\$160,650	D2007-OTRB-065
Louisiana Coaches, Inc.	Marrero, LA		\$41,000	\$41,000	D2007-OTRB-066
Sun Travel Trailways	Beaumont, TX		\$42,079	\$42,079	D2007-OTRB-067
<b>Region VII</b>					
Arrow Stage Lines	Norfolk, NE		\$92,250	\$92,250	D2007-OTRB-068
Burlington Trailways	W. Burlington, IA	\$54,300		\$54,300	D2007-OTRB-069
Heartland Trailways	St. Joseph, MO		\$58,500	\$58,500	D2007-OTRB-070
White Knight Limousine	Columbia, MO		\$41,000	\$41,000	D2007-OTRB-071
<b>Region VIII</b>					
Powder River Transportation	Gillette, WY	\$26,700		\$26,700	D2007-OTRB-072
Ramblin Express, Inc.	Colorado Springs, CO		\$183,000	\$183,000	D2007-OTRB-073
<b>Region IX</b>					
Amador Stage Lines	Sacramento, CA		\$70,275	\$70,275	D2007-OTRB-074
Marin Airporter	San Rafael, CA	\$122,000		\$122,000	D2007-OTRB-075
Preferred Charters, LLC	Santa Rosa, CA		\$392,300	\$392,300	D2007-OTRB-076
Silverado Stages, Inc.	San Luis Obispo, CA	\$279,360		\$279,360	D2007-OTRB-077
<b>Region X</b>					
Northwestern Stage Lines	Spokane, WA	\$63,022		\$63,022	D2007-OTRB-078
Premier Alaska Tours, Inc.	Anchorage, AK		\$44,970	\$44,970	D2007-OTRB-079
<b>TOTAL</b>					
		<b>\$11,925,000</b>	<b>\$3,975,000</b>	<b>\$ 15,900,000</b>	

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