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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

Fiscal Year 2012 Public Transportation on Indian Reservations Program Project Selections

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration (FTA), DOT.

ACTION: Tribal Transit Program Announcement of Project Selections.

SUMMARY: The US. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announces the selection of projects with Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 appropriations for the Tribal Transit Program. A March 9, 2012 *Federal Register* Notice (77 FR 14465) announced the availability of the funding for the program. The Surface and Air Transportation Programs Extension Act of 2011 authorizes approximately \$15 million for federally recognized Indian Tribes or Alaska Native villages, groups, or communities as identified by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) in the U.S. Department of the Interior for public transportation. An additional \$500,000 is available from prior years, bringing the total available to just over \$15.5 million. The Tribal Transit Program supports capital projects, operating costs and planning activities that are eligible under the Formula Grants for Rural Areas Program (Section 5311).

This is the final discretionary allocation for the Tribal Transit Program, which was first authorized under the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU). The new authorizing legislation, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21), was signed into law by President Obama on July 6, 2012, and became effective on October 1, 2012. MAP-21 continues the Tribal Transit Program and authorizes \$25 million for a formula allocation and \$5 million for a discretionary allocation in each of fiscal years 2013 and 2014. On November 9, 2012, FTA published a *Federal Register*

Notice (77FR 67439) regarding the Fiscal Year 2013 Public Transportation on Indian Reservations Program, which: (1) introduces FTA's consultation process and schedule for implementing changes due to MAP-21; (2) describes and seeks comment on the methodology for the formula allocation and the assumptions made to determine who is eligible for the formula program; (3) seeks comment on the terms and conditions for the formula and discretionary components of the program; (4) seeks comment on how the discretionary program should be allocated; and (5) announces two public meetings sponsored by FTA to consult with tribal governments regarding the Tribal Transit Program.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Successful applicants should contact the appropriate FTA Regional office (Appendix) for information regarding applying for the funds or program-specific information. A list of Regional offices can be found at www.fta.dot.gov.

Unsuccessful applicants may contact Lorna Wilson, Office of Program Management at (202) 366-0893, email: Lorna.Wilson@dot.gov, to arrange a proposal debriefing within 30 days of this announcement. In the event the contact information provided by your tribe in the application has changed, please contact your regional tribal liaison with the current information in order to expedite the grant award process. For general Tribal Transit Discretionary Program information, contact Elan Flippin, Office of Transit Programs, at (202) 366-3800, e-mail: Elan.Flippin@dot.gov. A TDD is available at 1-800-877-8339 (TDD/FIRS).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A total of \$15,514,495 million is available for the FY 2012 Tribal Transit program. A total of 107 applicants requested \$53 million, indicating significant demand for funds for new transit services, enhancement or expansion of existing transit services, and planning studies including operational planning. Project proposals were evaluated based on each applicant's responsiveness to the program evaluation criteria outlined in

FTA's March 9, 2012 Notice of Funding Availability. FTA also took into consideration the current status of previously funded applicants. A total of 72 applications have been selected for funding. The projects selected as shown in Table 1 will provide funding for transit planning studies/and or operational planning, start-up projects for new transit service, and for the operational expenses of existing transit services. Grantees selected for competitive discretionary funding should work with their FTA regional office to finalize the grant application in FTA's Transportation Electronic Awards Management System (TEAM) for the projects identified in the attached table and so that funds can be obligated expeditiously. FTA funds may only be used for eligible purposes defined under 49 U.S.C 5311 and described in FTA Circular 9040.1F. In cases where the allocation amount is less than the proposer's requested amount, grantees should work with the regional office to reduce scope or scale the project such that a completed phase or project is accomplished. A discretionary project identification number has been assigned to each project for tracking purposes and must be used in the TEAM application. The post award reporting requirements include submission of the Federal Financial Report (FFR), Milestone Report in TEAM, and National Transit Database reporting as appropriate (see FTA Circular 9040.1F).

The grantee must comply with all applicable Federal statutes, regulations, executive orders, FTA circulars, and other Federal requirements in carrying out the project supported by the FTA grant. Funds allocated in this announcement must be obligated in a grant by September 30, 2015.

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FY2012 TRIBAL TRANSIT PROGRAM PROJECT SELECTIONS

State	Project ID	Applicant Legal Name	Project Purpose	Award Amount
AK	D2011-TRTR-068 (\$31,207); D2012- TRTR-002 (\$166,793)	Chickaloon Native Village	Operating	\$198,000
AK	D2012-TRTR-003	Native Village of Manley Hot Springs	Operating	\$188,656
AK	D2012-TRTR-004	Sitka Tribe of Alaska	Operating	\$150,000
AK	D2012-TRTR-005	Tetlin Village Council	Operating	\$241,520
AZ	D2012-TRTR-006	Ak-Chin Indian Community	Operating and Capital (Start-	\$190,000
AZ	D2012-TRTR-007	Cocopah Indian Tribe	Operating	\$300,000
AZ	D2012-TRTR-008	Colorado River Indian Tribes	Planning	\$25,000
AZ	D2012-TRTR-009	Navajo Nation Transit System	Operating	\$166,000
AZ	D2012-TRTR-010	Pascua Yaqui Tribe	Operating	\$190,000
AZ	D2012-TRTR-011	Quechan Indian Tribe	Operating	\$200,000
CA	D2012-TRTR-012	Bishop Paiute Tribe	Operating and Planning	\$195,316
CA	D2012-TRTR-013	Blue Lake Rancheria, California	Operating and Capital	\$181,966
CA	D2012-TRTR-014	Morongo Band of Mission Indians	Operating and Capital (Start- up)	\$158,999
CA	D2012-TRTR-015	North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians of California	Capital, Operating and Planning (Start- up)	\$305,026
CA	D2012-TRTR-016	Reservation Transportation Authority	Operating	\$425,153
CA	D2012-TRTR-017	Susanville Indian Rancheria	Operating and Capital	\$123,925
CA	D2012-TRTR-018	Tule River Tribe	Operating and Capital (Start- up)	\$450,000

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CA	D2012-TRTR-019	Yurok Tribe	Operating and Capital	\$265,000
CO	D2012-TRTR-020	Southern Ute Indian Tribe	Operating	\$236,000
CT	D2012-TRTR-021	Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation	Planning	\$25,000
ID	D2012-TRTR-022	Nez Perce Tribe	Operating	\$300,000
ID	D2012-TRTR-023	Shoshone-Bannock Tribes	Operating	\$200,000
KS	D2012-TRTR-024	Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation	Operating	\$200,000
MN	D2012-TRTR-025	Bois Forte Band of Chippewa	Operating	\$348,950
MN	D2012-TRTR-026	Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa	Operating	\$295,000
MN	D2012-TRTR-027	Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	Operating	\$330,101
MN	D2012-TRTR-028	Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians	Operating	\$350,000
MN	D2012-TRTR-029	White Earth Band of Chippewa	Operating	\$95,000
MT	D2012-TRTR-030	Chippewa Cree Tribe	Operating	\$236,000
MT	D2012-TRTR-031	Crow Tribe of Indians	Operating	\$300,000
MT	D2012-TRTR-032	Fort Belknap Indian Community	Operating	\$158,002
ND	D2012-TRTR-033	Sitting Bull College	Operating	\$200,860
ND	D2012-TRTR-034	Three Affiliated Tribes	Planning	\$25,000
NE	D2012-TRTR-035	Ponca Tribe of Nebraska	Operating	\$200,000
NE	D2012-TRTR-036	Santee Sioux Nation	Operating	\$190,000
NM	D2012-TRTR-037	Ohkay Owingeh Tribal Council	Operating	\$317,993
NM	D2012-TRTR-038	Pueblo of Santa Ana	Operating	\$199,134
NM	D2012-TRTR-039	Pueblo of Santa Clara, New Mexico	Operating	\$140,000
OK	D2012-TRTR-040	Absentee Shawnee Tribe Of Indians of Oklahoma	Planning	\$25,000

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OK	D2012-TRTR-041	Cherokee Nation	Operating	\$350,000
OK	D2012-TRTR-042	Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma	Operating	\$350,000
OK	D2012-TRTR-043	Citizen Potawatomi Nation	Operating	\$350,000
OK	D2012-TRTR-044	Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma	Operating	\$207,160
OK	D2012-TRTR-045	Miami Tribe of Oklahoma	Operating	\$350,000
OK	D2012-TRTR-046	Muscogee (Creek) Nation	Operating	\$350,000
OK	D2012-TRTR-047	Pawnee Nation	Planning	\$25,000
OK	D2012-TRTR-048	Ponca Tribe of Oklahoma	Operating	\$277,203
OK	D2012-TRTR-049	Seminole Nation of Oklahoma	Operating	\$277,000
OK	D2012-TRTR-050	The Chickasaw Nation	Operating	\$300,000
OK	D2012-TRTR-051	United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma	Operating	\$216,000
OR	D2012-TRTR-052	Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde	Operating	\$248,000
OR	D2012-TRTR-053	Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians	Operating	\$186,516
OR	D2012-TRTR-054	Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation	Operating	\$275,000
SC	D2012-TRTR-055	Catawba Indian Nation	Operating	\$350,000
SD	D2012-TRTR-056	Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe	Operating	\$350,000
SD	D2012-TRTR-057	Lower Brule Sioux Tribe	Operating	\$350,000
SD	D2012-TRTR-058	Oglala Sioux Tribe	Operating	\$300,000
SD	D2012-TRTR-059	Rosebud Sioux Tribe	Operating	\$120,000
SD	D2012-TRTR-060	Yankton Sioux Tribe	Operating	\$209,456
WA	D2012-TRTR-061	Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation	Operating	\$150,000
WA	D2012-TRTR-062	Cowlitz Indian Tribe	Operating	\$175,000
WA	D2012-TRTR-063	Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe	Operating	\$84,357

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WA	D2012-TRTR-064	Kalispel Tribe of Indians	Operating	\$171,876
WA	D2012-TRTR-065	Lummi Nation	Capital and Operating	\$315,000
WA	D2012-TRTR-066	Quinault Indian Nation	Operating	\$200,000
WA	D2012-TRTR-067	Skokomish Indian Tribe	Operating	\$88,788
WA	D2012-TRTR-068	Snoqualmie Tribe	Operating	\$160,000
WA	D2012-TRTR-069	Spokane Tribe of Indians	Operating	\$75,000
WA	D2012-TRTR-070	Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians	Operating	\$101,538
WA	D2012-TRTR-071	The Tulalip Tribes of Washington	Operating	\$175,000
WI	D2012-TRTR-072	Bad River Band of Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians	Planning	\$25,000
WI	D2012-TRTR-073	Ho-Chunk Nation	Planning	\$25,000
			Total	\$15,514,495

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