

## NOTICE TO PROPOSERS

INVITATION TO SUBMIT PROPOSAL Capital District Transportation Committee, Albany NY **FTA New Freedom Program PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Capital District Transportation Committee is seeking proposals for projects that are eligible for funding under the FTA New Freedom (NF) program. The full New Freedom Funding Application can be obtained by calling (518) 458-2161 or by going to [www.cdtempo.org](http://www.cdtempo.org).

Projects selected for funding under this solicitation must benefit persons living and working in the Capital District (Albany, Rensselaer, Schenectady counties and Saratoga County (excluding the village of South Glens Falls and the Town of Moreau). This solicitation is for both the Albany-Schenectady-Troy and Saratoga Springs areas (the Saratoga Springs Urban Area is part of planning area covered by CDTC, the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Capital District). Proposed projects under the New Freedom solicitation, therefore, can be for the entire region, using all funds available, or can be tailored to each of the two urbanized areas.

All New Freedom projects selected for funding must address needs and/or gaps that were identified in the locally developed Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan for the Capital District (<http://www.cdtempo.org/rtcc/coord11.pdf>).

The scoring criteria used to score and rate project applications for New Freedom funding include: Project Needs/Goals and Objectives, Implementation Plan, Project Budget, Coordination/Program Outreach, Experience, Program Effectiveness and Performance Indicators.

New Freedom funds may be used to finance capital, planning and operating expenses. The Federal share of eligible capital and planning costs may not exceed 80% of the net cost of the activity. The Federal share of the eligible operating costs may not exceed 50% of the net operating costs of the activity. Recipients may use up to 10% of their apportionment to support program administrative costs including administration, planning, and technical assistance, which may be funded at 100% federal share. A maximum of \$ 217,000 in Federal funds is available for this program (\$194,000 for the Albany-Schenectady-Troy urbanized area and \$23,000 for the Saratoga Springs urbanized area).

Applications for New Freedom funding must be submitted to the address below no later than **5:00 PM Eastern Standard Time Friday, April 19, 2013**. Applications received after that date and time will not be considered.

Six applications (original and five copies) must be submitted to the CDTC by April 19, 2013. CDTC will review, score and rank the applications, and then forward the information to the CDTC Planning Committee for approval. Following approval by the Planning Committee the selected projects will be sent to the CDTA to include in a grant application to the FTA for funding. Completed applications should be submitted to: Ms. Anne Benware, CDTC, 1 Park Place Main Floor, Albany, NY 12205.

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