New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT)
Section 5310 Program
Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities
Solicitation Now Available - Applications due June 8, 2015

The NYSDOT 2015 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities solicitation is now available. To assist with and facilitate the application process, additional information is provided below. Applicants are reminded that this is a NYSDOT-administered solicitation and that they should contact the NYSDOT Public Transportation Bureau at (518) 457-8335, or visit the NYSDOT Section 5310 Application Material Page, if they have further questions and for additional program information.

Application Documents:
Registration Form for 2015 Solicitation – This form must be submitted in order to apply for funding!
Guidance Document for 2015 Solicitation – Provides full details on program requirements.
(See workshop information on the next page)

Application Process:
NYSDOT has developed an on-line application for the Section 5310 Program solicitation that uses Microsoft SharePoint software. This requires agencies to register and receive an account to access the application through a secure user log-in to begin the process. Applicants are required to submit the registration form above to identify the individuals allowed to contribute to the application and where in the New York State the project will be implemented. The type of project proposed as well as its location affect eligibility and must be clearly described in the application form in order to be successfully considered for funding.

All projects must be included in a locally developed Coordinated Human Service and Public Transportation Plan (Coordinated Plan) and describe coordination with other federally assisted programs to ensure efficient use of federal funds. Interested parties with projects proposed for the two urbanized areas with the CDTC planning area (i.e. Albany-Schenectady-Troy Urbanized Area and Saratoga Springs Urbanized Area) should review the 2011 Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan for the Capital District for further information, including the needs and gaps identified in the plan on page 5. (Please note that this plan is currently being updated and is in DRAFT format. It will be adopted after the public input phase is complete in September 2015. Please see: http://www.cdtcmpo.org/rtp2040/white/coord.pdf)

NYSDOT is offering technical assistance workshops/webinars for applicants during the solicitation period. These workshops are identified on the NYSDOT Section 5310-Application Material Page. In the capital region one workshop is being held in Colonie at 50 Wolf Road on May 19th and a webinar is available May 13th. (See next page for registration details and more information.)

Eligible Applicants and Project Categories:
A minimum of 55% of the available funding awards will go to traditional Section 5310 capital projects. These include public transportation capital projects planned, designed, and carried out by eligible subrecipients to meet the special needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities when public transportation is insufficient, inappropriate, or unavailable. Eligible applicants include:

1. Not-for-profit organizations incorporated within the State of New York that provide services to seniors and/or individuals with disabilities. (primary applicant)
2. Public bodies (i.e. municipalities, County level governments) which certify that no not-for-profit organizations are available in the area to provide transportation services or that is approved by the State to coordinate transportation services for seniors and/or individuals with disabilities.

The remaining funds (up to 45%) may support public transportation projects that exceed the requirements of the ADA, improve access to fixed-route service, decrease reliance by individuals with disabilities on complementary paratransit or provide alternatives to public transportation that assist seniors and individuals with disabilities. All such projects must be targeted toward meeting the transportation needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities, although they may be used by the general public. Eligible Applicants include:

1. Municipalities, non-profit agencies, and operators of public transportation services, including private operators of public transportation services.

2. Federally recognized tribal governments.

**Funding:**
Statewide, there are approximately $16 Million *for each year* available for projects. The Funds are allocated within the state based on population figures from the 2010 Census and the American Community Survey. Both the Guidance Document for 2015 Solicitation and the Section 5310-Application Material Page provide further details for each urban area and the rural area of the state.


**Workshops/Webinar for Applicants:** NYSDOT will host a workshop on:

*May 19, 2015* from 10am-12 pm at the NYSDOT Main Office, 50 Wolf Road, Colonie, 1st Floor Hearing Room A (Photo ID required for entry). **Attendees must register for the workshop by calling Jennifer Murdza at (518) 457-8335 or email at Jennifer.Murdza@dot.ny.gov with “Section 5310 Workshop Registration” in the subject line.**

In addition a Workshop that’s available for **webinar participation is available on May 13, 2015** at 11:00 am. **To register for the webinar click on the link:** [https://meetny.webex.com/meetny/j.php?MTID=m900af0207124037ca29b9dc8060a3b32](https://meetny.webex.com/meetny/j.php?MTID=m900af0207124037ca29b9dc8060a3b32)