

## FY14 Grant Application Solicitation Webinar Question & Answer Session

**Q1:** Can FRA provide guidance on how proprietary information included in the grant application, or resulting from the grant performance, will be handled?

**A:** *In general, the Federal Government may only have limited or restricted rights to proprietary information (e.g. intellectual property, software, and other data that embody trade secrets or are commercial or financial and confidential or privileged) that was developed at private expense and identified as such at the outset of a grant or contract. This limited or restricted access prohibits the Federal Government's right to use, release to others, reproduce, distribute, or publish technical data and computer software outside the Federal Government, in most instances. However, intellectual property, software, and other data that is developed or produced with Federal funds under a grant or contract is available for the greater public benefit, and may be used, released to others, reproduced, distributed, or published (except where subject to export control or national security laws). Prospective applicants are encouraged to review 52.227-14 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation for further information.*

**Q2:** Regarding PTC applications, how will FRA view limited standard cost data or qualitative information in analyzing the benefits and costs of applications?

**A:** *FRA recognizes that such costs may not be well defined and that the level of detail and sophistication of benefit-cost analysis that should be expected for relatively small projects (i.e. those encouraged to be limited to under \$3 million in this solicitation) is less than for larger, multi-million dollar, investments. FRA encourages applicants to utilize the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Benefit-Cost Analysis Resource Guide posted on the FY14 Grant Application Solicitation homepage for recommended values to use in monetizing the benefits and costs of transportation projects.*

**Q3:** Pertaining to grade crossing improvements - does intercity passenger route pertain to long distance national routes, state supported routes or both?

**A:** *Grade crossing improvement projects located on or benefitting an intercity passenger rail service (which includes long distance, state-supported, and Northeast Corridor service) are eligible for funding.*

**Q4:** Other than the OMB Standard Forms listed in the notice of funding availability, what other additional assurances and certifications are required?

**A:** *The FRA FY14 Grant Application Solicitation homepage provides links to all required forms. The "Additional Assurances and Certifications" form referenced in the notice of funding availability is an FRA form covering the topics of debarment, suspension and other responsibility matters, drug-free workplace requirements, and lobbying.*

**Q5:** If applicants use the FRA Statement of Work (SOW) template, should applicants delete the instructions out of the form or leave them in?

**A:** *Applicants are required to use FRA's SOW templates and should delete the SOW instructions from the document prior to submitting to FRA.*

**Q6:** How should applicants submit letters of support with their application package and not exceed the 25 page limit for the project narrative?

**A:** *Applicants may submit letters of support as supplemental materials in a separate attachment from the Project Narrative. Applicants are encouraged to submit the entire application package, including letters of support, through grants.gov.*

### **Responses to Other Common Questions:**

**CFDA:** 20.314 – *Railroad Funding Opportunity*

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