#### Paper Comments

• Send paper comments in triplicate to Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549–1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-FICC-2014-07. This file number should be included on the subject line if email is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's Internet Web site (*http://www.sec.gov/* rules/sro.shtml). Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for Web site viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549-1090 on official business days between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Copies of the filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of FICC and on FICC's Web site: http://www.dtcc.com/~/media/Files/ Downloads/legal/rule-filings/2014/ficc/ SR-FICC-2014-07.pdf.

All comments received will be posted without change; the Commission does not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR–FICC–2014–07 and should be submitted on or before November 14, 2014.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>8</sup>

# Kevin M. O'Neill,

Deputy Secretary.

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# DEPARTMENT OF STATE

#### [Public Notice 8931]

# Department of State Performance Review Board Members; Appointments

In accordance with section 4314(c)(4) of 5 United States Code, the Department

of State has appointed the following individuals to the Department of State Performance Review Board for Senior Executive Service members:

Christopher H. Flaggs, Chairperson, Comptroller, Bureau of the Comptroller and Global Financial Services, Department of State;

Kelly Clements, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration, Department of State;

Hoyt B. Yee, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs, Department of State; and

Mary Catherine Malin, Assistant Legal Advisor, Office of the Legal Advisor, Department of State.

Dated: October 14, 2014.

# Hans Klemm,

Acting Director General of the Foreign Service and Director of Human Resources, Department of State.

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# DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

# **Federal Transit Administration**

### Innovative Public Transportation Workforce Development Program (Ladders of Opportunity Initiative)

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Funding Availability.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announces a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the Innovative Public Transportation Workforce Development Program (Ladders of Opportunity Initiative). FTA has budgeted approximately \$9 million for this solicitation. This NOFA solicits proposals that promote innovative nationally and regionally significant public transportation workforce development models and programs that invest in America's economic growth and help build ladders of opportunity into the middle class for American workers

**DATES:** Complete proposals are due by 11:59 p.m. EST on December 23, 2014. **ADDRESSES:** All proposals must be submitted electronically through the *GRANTS.GOV* "APPLY" function. All entities intending to apply should initiate the process of registering on the *GRANTS.GOV* Web site immediately to ensure completion of registration before the submission deadline. Instructions for applying can be found in the "FIND" module of *GRANTS.GOV*. Mail and fax submissions will not be accepted. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific information regarding the areas of research targeted within this NOFA, please contact Betty Jackson, Workforce Development Program Manager, Office of Research, Demonstration and Innovation, phone: (202) 366–1730, fax: (202) 366–3765, or email: *betty.jackson@dot.gov.* A TDD is available at 1–800–877–8339 (TDD/ FIRS).

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. Discretionary Program Overview

### A. Authority

Section 5322(b) of Title 49, United States Code authorizes FTA's discretionary Innovative Public **Transportation Workforce Development** Program, pursuant to which FTA makes grants to transit agencies and other entities to undertake workforce development activities, including those that create employment training programs, conduct outreach programs to increase minority and female employment in transit, conduct research on public transportation personnel and training needs, and provide training and assistance for minority business opportunities. Under this authority, FTA is issuing this funding opportunity for the Innovative Public Transportation Workforce Development, Ladders of Opportunity Initiative. FTA plans to fund nationally or regionally significant public transportation workforce projects that will assist in building ladders of opportunity for American workers to move into the middle class, as well as build the critical skillset needed in the public transportation industry.

FTA has budgeted approximately \$9,000,000 for the program. FTA may choose to fund the program for more or less than the announced amount, including applying any future appropriated funds toward the projects proposed in response to this NOFA. Future funding will depend in part on Congressional appropriation.

# **B.** Policy Priorities

Supporting a highly-skilled transit workforce is critical to maintaining a competitive and efficient public transportation system. As public transportation experiences significant growth in the United States and investments continue in the physical capital of the nation's transit systems, it is essential to build and maintain the nation's human capital in public transportation as well.

FTA is seeking projects that create a new nationally or regionally significant workforce development program, or augment or replicate a successful

<sup>8 17</sup> CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).