

Federal lands, particularly within the context of resource protection and visitor experience concerns;

- Demonstrated capacity and experience in coordinating events;
- Demonstrated capacity and experience in developing and conducting Web-based and face-to-face training; and

- Ability to breathe new life into a program by creating something new or revamping an existing structure.

Award of this cooperative agreement will be determined by the proposal that offers to provide the greatest value to the beneficiaries of the FTA National Technical Assistance Center for Parks and Public Lands in terms of performance rather than the proposal offering the lowest price. Applicants may propose to provide some or all of the services listed in the tasks described in the Scope of Work above. FTA reserves the right to award one or more cooperative awards.

IV. Proposal Content

Proposals should be submitted in double-spaced format using Times New Roman 12 point font. The application must contain the following components:

1. *Cover sheet (1 Page)*: Includes entity submitting proposal, title, and contact information (e.g., address, phone, fax, and e-mail). Name and contact information for the entity's key point of contact for all cooperative activities (if different from entity submitting proposal) shall also be provided.

2. *Abstract (2 Pages)*: Abstract should include background, purpose, methodology, intended outcomes, and plan for evaluation.

3. Detailed budget proposal and budget narrative.

4. *Project narrative (not to exceed 80 pages)*: Project narrative shall include the following information:

a. Staff qualifications, experience in providing technical assistance and implementing the tasks outlined in the solicitation. The proposal shall also include the proposed staff members' knowledge of issues related to alternative transportation on federal lands. One page biographical sketches for staff members shall be included in the appendices section of the proposal;

b. Existing and future capacity of organization to address the issues outlined in the proposal and ability to implement tasks 1–6 outlined under section I in this solicitation;

c. Methodology for addressing tasks 1–6 outlined under section I in this solicitation. The proposal shall also include objectives, activities, deliverables, milestones, timeline and

intended outcomes for achieving the goals outlined in the scope for the first year;

d. Plan to work with stakeholders and build partnerships at the national, state, and local levels;

5. Project Management Plan that includes well-defined objectives, tasks, activities, timelines, deliverables, indicators, and outcomes.

6. Plan for evaluation of the Center activities and data collection.

7. Supplemental materials can be included in an appendices section that is beyond the 50 page limit. In addition to the full proposal, entities have the option to submit supplemental material such as: brochures, publications, products, etc. These materials shall be delivered electronically to Scott Faulk, Federal Transit Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., East Building, E44–417, Washington, DC 20590 or to Scott.Faulk@dot.gov.

V. Application Review Process and Evaluation Criteria

An interdisciplinary review panel, including those external to FTA will be convened to review each proposal. Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria and scoring system:

1. Staff qualifications, which includes experience in delivering technical assistance and training, knowledge of alternative transportation systems (particularly those on federal lands), demonstrated process skills in assessment, strategic planning, facilitation, and other key areas associated with identified tasks. The entity shall also address a plan for knowledge retention. (20%)

2. Existing capacity of the organization, which includes clearinghouse functions, web development and maintenance, technical assistance, training, long distance and on-site assistance strategies, and other identified tasks. (15%)

3. Understanding and reasonableness of proposed goals, objectives, methodologies, activities, timelines, deliverables, and budget. (40%)

4. Plan to collaborate and implement outreach activities with stakeholders and establish effective partnerships for transportation planning activities. (15%)

5. Plan for evaluation and data collection. (10%)

6. FTA may elect to meet in person two or three of the most qualified applicants.

This meeting will be held at the Department of Transportation in Washington, DC. The applicants will be notified of a date and time during which they will be asked to present their

proposal to the FTA review panel. If an entity proposes to perform an individual task or tasks less than the full project, the proposal will be evaluated accordingly on its merits. If selected, the proposer may be asked to form a consortium with the applicant chosen to manage the larger project.

VI. Award Administration Information

The anticipated notification date for the award of the cooperative agreement is the January 15, 2009, with an anticipated start date for the successful applicant by March 3, 2009. FTA will notify the successful entity. Following the receipt of the FTA Administrator's notification letter, the successful entity will be required to submit its proposal through the FTA Transportation Electronic Award Management (TEAM) system Web site. FTA will manage the cooperative agreement through the TEAM system Web site. Before FTA may award Federal financial assistance through a Federal cooperative agreement, the entity must submit all certifications and assurances pertaining to itself and its project as required by Federal laws and regulations. Since FY 1995, FTA has been consolidating the various certifications and assurances that may be required of its awardees and the projects into a single document published in the **Federal Register**. The FY 2008 Annual List of Certifications and Assurances for FTA Cooperative Agreements and Guidelines has been published in the **Federal Register** and posted on the FTA Web site at <http://www.fta.dot.gov>.

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James S. Simpson,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

[Docket No. PHMSA–RSPA–1998–4470]

Pipeline Safety: Meetings of the Technical Pipeline Safety Standards Committee and Technical Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Safety Standards Committee

AGENCY: Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of advisory committee meetings.

SUMMARY: This notice announces public meetings of the Technical Pipeline

Safety Standards Committee (TPSSC) and of the Technical Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Safety Standards Committee (THLPSSC).

The committees will meet to discuss two important regulatory proposals and several future regulatory initiatives.

DATES: The meetings will be on December 11 and 12, 2008. The TPSSC and the THLPSSC will meet jointly on Thursday, December 11 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and the TPSSC will meet on Friday, December 12 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. EST.

Name badge pick-up and on-site registration will be available on December 11 starting at 8 a.m. with the agenda taking place from 9 a.m. until approximately 5 p.m. Refer to the meetings Web site for updated agenda and times at: <http://primis.phmsa.dot.gov/meetings/Mtg56.mtg>.

Please note that the meetings will not be Web casted. However, presentations will be available on the meetings website within 30 days following the meetings.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will take place at the Westin Arlington Gateway, 801 North Glebe Road, Arlington, VA 22203. The phone numbers for reservation are 1-888-627-7076 or (703) 717-6200. Rooms are reserved at the hotel under USDOT Technical Advisory Committee meetings. For a guaranteed room at the hotel, attendees need to make their reservations no later than November 10, 2008. Priority is given to Committee members and to State Pipeline Safety Representatives. Any additional information or changes as well as a more detailed agenda will be posted on the PHMSA/OPS Web page about 15 days before the meetings take place at: <http://PHMSA.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cheryl Whetsel by phone at 202-366-4431 or by e-mail at cheryl.whetsel@dot.gov or Kay McIver by phone at 202 366-0113 or by e-mail at kay.mciver@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Meeting Details

PHMSA's Technical Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public. If time permits, individuals may make a brief statement. Members of the public interested in making a statement are encouraged to contact one of the individuals listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** by November 24, 2008.

Privacy Act Statement

Anyone may search the electronic form of comments received in response

to any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement was published in the **Federal Register** on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477).

Information on Services for Individuals With Disabilities

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities, or to seek special assistance at the meetings, please contact Kay McIver at 202 366-0113 by November 24, 2008.

II. Committee Background

The TPSSC and THLPSSC are statutorily mandated advisory committees that advise PHMSA on proposed safety standards, risks assessments, and safety policies for natural gas pipelines and for hazardous liquid pipelines. Both committees were established under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C. App. 1) and the pipeline safety law (49 U.S.C. Chap. 601). Each committee consists of 15 members—with membership evenly divided among the Federal and State government, the regulated industry, and the public. The committees advise PHMSA on technical feasibility, practicability, and cost-effectiveness of each proposed pipeline safety standard.

III. Agenda

The agenda for the meetings will include discussions of comments received for two notices of proposed rulemakings, and to present to the Committees for a final rule vote on these two proposed rules. The two proposed rules for presentation are:

- Control Room Management/Human Factors—on December 11th, a proposal to revise the Federal pipeline safety regulations to address human factors and other components of control room management; and
- Integrity Management Program for Gas Distribution Pipelines—on December 12th, a proposal to amend the Federal pipeline safety regulations to require operators of gas distribution pipelines to develop and implement integrity management (IM) programs.

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 60102, 60115; 60118.

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Jeffrey D. Wiese,

Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 35186]

Union Pacific Railroad Company— Temporary Trackage Rights Exemption—BNSF Railway Company

BNSF Railway Company (BNSF), pursuant to a written trackage rights agreement entered into between BNSF and Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP), has agreed to grant UP overhead temporary trackage rights between St. Louis (Grand Avenue), MO (milepost 2.1), on the one hand, and Pacific, MO (milepost 34.1), on the other, a distance of 32 miles.

The transaction may be consummated on or after November 16, 2008, and the temporary trackage rights are intended to expire on or about December 8, 2008. The purpose of the temporary trackage rights is to facilitate maintenance work on UP lines.

As a condition to this exemption, any employees affected by the acquisition of the temporary trackage rights will be protected by the conditions imposed in *Norfolk and Western Ry. Co.—Trackage Rights—BN*, 354 I.C.C. 605 (1978), as modified in *Mendocino Coast Ry., Inc.—Lease and Operate*, 360 I.C.C. 653 (1980), and any employees affected by the discontinuance of those trackage rights will be protected by the conditions imposed in *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

Pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008, Pub. L. No. 110-161, § 193, 121 Stat. 1844 (2007), nothing in this decision authorizes the following activities at any solid waste rail transfer facility: collecting, storing, or transferring solid waste outside of its original shipping container; or separating or processing solid waste (including baling, crushing, compacting, and shredding). The term "solid waste" is defined in section 1004 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, 42 U.S.C. 6903.

This notice is filed under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(8). If it contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*. Petitions to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke will not automatically stay the transaction. Petitions for stay must be filed no later than November 7, 2008 (at least 7 days before the exemption becomes effective).

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 35186, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E