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Bobby Jindal, Governor
Sherri H. LeBas, P.E., Secretary

MEMORANDUM

To: Transit Executive Directors

From: Donna Lavigne, Public Transportation Director

Date: August 19, 2014

RE: RTAP Announces Scholarship Opportunities for the 2014 Rural Conference

Louisiana RTAP Program is offering a limited number of scholarships to the 21st National Conference on Rural Public and Intercity Bus Transportation in Monterey, California. This rural conference is held once every two years and offers the latest in best practice and current research in rural public and intercity bus transportation. There will be dozens of training sessions, workshops, and networking events that will allow you to advance your understanding of transit issues, to develop fresh solutions to challenging issues, and to help you outline new approaches to your work.

The RTAP Program will award one (1) scholarship to various transportation agencies. No agency will have more than one recipient. The scholarship will cover registration for the conference, air fare reimbursement, hotel accommodation for three nights (October 26-28), and a round trip shuttle.

Meals that are not included in registration **will not** be covered by the scholarship

You must fill out the attached application if you are interested in receiving a scholarship. **ALL** applications must be received by **September 3rd**. Any applications received after the deadline will not be considered. Individuals awarded scholarships will be notified by **September 10th**.

RTAP continues to provide its members with outstanding training opportunities, and the scholarship program is a key commitment to maintaining RTAP's mission. You don't want to miss out on the opportunity to be a part of the 21st National Conference on Rural Public and Intercity Bus Transportation. Please visit the conference website for more information: <http://www.ribtc.org/>

To better your chances of being selected, send your application in early. For your convenience, you can fax your application to me at (225) 379-3071 or e-mail your application to Dortha.Cummins@la.gov. If you have any questions, you can reach me at (225) 379-3066.

**LOUISIANA
RTAP
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

For
21st National Conference on Rural Public and Intercity Bus Transportation
October 26-29, 2014
Monterey, California

(Scholarship covers three nights, October 26-28, and will ONLY pay for the registration for the conference, air fare reimbursement, hotel accommodation, and a round trip shuttle)

(PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY)

Name: _____	Title: _____
Agency: _____	Phone: _____
Fax: _____	E-mail Address: _____

Indicate why you want to attend:

How will your agency's public transportation services benefit from your attendance at the conference? Are there any particular session topics (see attached) that interest you or that address a problem you are currently experiencing?

List ALL scholarships your agency has received in the past three years. (Expo, conferences, meetings, etc.)

Supervisor's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Applications must be completed and returned to Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development Public Transportation Section by September 3, 2014.

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