

# TSA Grants Web-Board/Blog Comment Policy

The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Grants WebBoard/Blog will provide an electronic forum for the freight rail, intercity bus, trucking and mass transit communities to discuss topics relating to Surface Transportation Security Grant Programs with the TSA and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The Surface Transportation Security Grant Programs include the Transit Security Grant Program (TSGP), the Intercity Bus Security Grant Program (IBSGP), the Trucking Security Program (TSP), and the Freight Rail Security Grant Program (FRSGP). These grant programs are programmatically led by TSA and administered by FEMA.

To encourage open and frank discussions by all blog participants, and to keep discussions focused on topics of immediate concern to the transportation community, we are limiting access to this blog as delineated in the "TSA Grants WebBoard/ Blog Access Policy." In general, employees of an eligible grantee or sub-grantee in a past or future fiscal year who have substantive responsibilities relating to the grant program in question as determined by the Chief Executive Officer or General Manager, Chief of Police and/or Security Director, Grants Program Administrator, or their designee will be given access to the appropriate modal-specific conferences.

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**under a posting name that is not your full name at this time (though there may be that functionality available in the future); your comments will be attached to your name in order to maintain transparency and accountability.**

Thank you for taking the time to read this comment policy. We encourage your participation in our discussion and look forward to an active exchange of ideas.

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