Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 Transit Security Grant Program (TSGP) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. **What is the purpose of the FY 2012 TSGP?**

    The purpose of the FY 2012 TSGP is to create a sustainable, risk-based effort to protect critical surface transportation infrastructure and the traveling public from acts of terrorism, and to increase the resilience of transit infrastructure. The FY 2012 TSGP plays an important role in the implementation of Presidential Policy Directive 8 (PPD-8) by supporting the development and sustainment of core capabilities to fulfill the *National Preparedness Goal* (NPG)..

2. **How much funding is available under the FY 2012 TSGP?**

    The total amount of funds distributed under the FY 2012 TSGP will be $87,500,000.

3. **Who is eligible to apply for FY 2012 TSGP funds?**

    Agencies eligible for FY 2012 are determined based on daily unlinked passenger trips (ridership) and transit systems that serve historically eligible Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) jurisdictions. Certain ferry systems are eligible to receive FY 2012 TSGP funds. However, any ferry system electing to participate and receive funds under the FY 2012 TSGP cannot participate in the FY 2012 Port Security Grant Program (PSGP), and will not be considered for funding under the FY 2012 PSGP. Likewise, any ferry system that participates in the PSGP will not be considered for funding under the TSGP.

4. **How will the FY 2012 TSGP funds be allocated?**

    DHS will focus its available transit security grant dollars on the highest-risk systems through a competitive process.

    DHS has identified critical infrastructure assets of national concern through the Top Transit Asset List (TTAL). Critical infrastructure assets are those vital to the functionality and continuity of a major transit system that their incapacitation or destruction would have a debilitating effect on security, national economic security, public health or safety, or any combination thereof. With the creation of the TTAL, DHS can now target funding to the remediation of those assets on the list in an informed and risk-based approach.

5. **What are the key changes for FY 2012 TSGP?**

- In order to ensure standardization across all grant programs and cooperative agreements issued by DHS, TSGP's Guidance was reformatted for consistency and renamed to Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA)
- Priorities for TSGP support the implementation of PPD-8 and the NPG. FY 2012 TSGP has been aligned to the five mission areas and supporting core capabilities within the NPG
- Reduces the period of performance for TSGP from 36 months to 24 months
- Removes the Semi-Annual Assistance Progress Report (SAPR) reporting requirement in lieu of the Standard Form-Performance Progress Report (SF-PPR) to report on progress towards implementing program-specific performance measures
- Expands the scope of maintenance and sustainment by allowing the support of equipment that has previously been purchased with both federal and other sources of funding as long as direct linkage can be provided to one of the core capabilities within the NPG
- TTAL remediation plans will not be recognized as a separate funding priority area under TSGP. This has been merged into the TTAL Remediation priority area.
- To be consistent State Homeland Security Program (SHSP), UASI, and PSGP methodologies, TSGP formula added a new vulnerability component. This was formulated in conjunction with TSA's analysis of vulnerable transit areas

6. **What legislation authorizes funding for the FY 2012 TSGP?**

The *Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2012, Division D* (Public Law 112-74) provides funding for this program.

7. **Where is the FY 2012 TGSP FOA located?**

The FY 2012 TSGP FOA is located online at *http://www.fema.gov/grants*, as well as on *www.grants.gov*.

8. **What other resources are available to address programmatic, technical, and financial questions?**

- For additional program-specific information, please contact the Centralized Scheduling and Information Desk (CSID) help line at (800) 368-6498 or askcsid@dhs.gov. CSID hours of operation are from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. EST, Monday through Friday.
- For financial-related questions, including pre-and post-award administration and technical assistance, applicants may contact the FEMA Grant Programs Directorate Call Center at (866) 927-5646 or via e-mail to ASK-GMD@dhs.gov.

9. **What is the FY 2012 TSGP period of performance?**

The period of performance of this grant is 24 months.