

# **Homeland Security**

## **FACT SHEET**

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### **Regional Transit Security Strategy (RTSS) Technical Assistance**

#### **Background**

The Department of Homeland Security, Office of State and Local Government Coordination and Preparedness (SLGCP) will make \$135 million available to eligible transit agencies through designated State Administrative Agencies (SAAs) for the protection of critical infrastructure and emergency preparedness activities.

The Transit Security Grant Program (TSGP) provides follow-on funding to the FY 2003 and FY 2004 urban area transit security grants, and adds a regional planning element. This regional approach is designed to ensure that funds provided through these programs are consistent with the overall security needs of the transit sector in the region, and are ultimately accounted for in the broader regional planning process that forms the core of the UASI program. The program's mission is to create a sustainable effort for the protection of regional transit systems from terrorism, especially explosives and non-conventional threats that would cause major loss of life and severe disruption.

The TSGP underscores the importance of a regional effort, and requires the establishment of a Regional Transit Security Working Group (RTSWG) and a Regional Transit Security Strategy (RTSS). The RTSWG will work in conjunction with the SAA to develop the RTSS. To assist SAA's and transit agencies with developing a Regional Transit Security Strategy, SLGCP is offering a Technical Assistance workshop.

#### **Purpose**

To assist the State Administrative Agencies (SAAs) and transit agencies in the region with TSGP, SLGCP is offering this one day Regional Transit Security Strategy (RTSS) Development workshop. As part of TSGP, the applicable SAA(s) will coordinate and manage the development of a Regional Transit Security Strategy (RTSS). The RTSS Strategy Development TA is designed to provide assistance with developing the strategy for the transit region. The RTSS Development TA provides facilitation to the Regional Transit

Security Working Group (RTSWG), led by the SAA, to develop the Regional Transit Security Strategy required by the TSGP. The expected outcome of the strategy TA is a draft of the RTSS with actions needed to complete it prior to August 31, 2005.

#### **Eligibility**

Applicable SAAs for eligible transit systems under the Transit Security Grant Program may request workshops through their Preparedness Officer.

#### **Participant Audience**

Strategy development workshops are intended for personnel from the SAA, transit agencies, Urban Area, intersecting transit systems and SAAs from adjoining states who comprise the Regional Transit Security Working Group.

#### **TA Delivery Concept**

The TA instructional and facilitation team consists of staff members who are experienced in the ODP grant programs and processes, as well as Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) from transit agencies. The strategy development workshop is a highly interactive, facilitated workshop which follows a short slide presentation (as necessary). The expected outcome of the workshop is a draft RTSS with a timeline for completing the strategy.

#### **Other Technical Assistance**

TA is also available to support the establishment of the Regional Transit Security Working Group and to support the conduct of transit system risk assessments. All TA is available on a first come, first serve basis and subject to the availability of funding. TA request forms are available in the SLGCP TA Catalog at [http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/odp/docs/ODP\\_TA\\_Catalog.pdf](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/odp/docs/ODP_TA_Catalog.pdf)



## **Cost**

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The TA workshops will be provided at no cost to the participants. The TA is funded by SLGCP.

## **For More Information**

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For more information concerning the Regional Transit Security TA workshops, please contact the CSID by phone at 1-800-368-6498 or by email at [askcsd@ojp.usdoj.gov](mailto:askcsd@ojp.usdoj.gov)