

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Transit Administration****Over-the-Road Bus Accessibility Program Announcement of Project Selections**

**AGENCY:** Federal Transit Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announces the selection of projects to be funded under Fiscal Year 2003 appropriations for the Over-the-Road Bus (OTRB) Accessibility Program, authorized by Section 3038 of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21). The OTRB Accessibility Program makes funds

available to private operators of over-the-road buses to help finance the incremental capital and training costs of complying with DOT's over-the-road bus accessibility rule, published in the **Federal Register** on September 24, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The appropriate FTA Regional Administrator for grant-specific issues; or Blenda Younger, Office of Program Management, 202-366-2053, for general information about the OTRB Program.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** A total of \$6.9 million was made available for the program in FY 2003: \$5.2 million for intercity fixed-route providers and \$1.7 million for all other providers, such as commuter, charter, and tour operators. A total of 84 applicants requested \$17.6 million: \$10.5 million was requested by

intercity fixed-route providers, and \$7.1 million was requested by all other providers. Project selections were made on a discretionary basis, based on each applicant's responsiveness to statutory project selection criteria, fleet size, and level of funding received in previous years. Because of the high demand for the funds available, most applicants received less funding than they requested, but all qualified applicants received some funding. The selected projects will provide funding for the incremental cost of adding lifts to 128 new vehicles, retrofitting 80 vehicles, and \$335,546 for training. Each of the following 74 awardees, as well as the 10 applicants who were not selected for funding, will receive a letter that explains how funding decisions were made.

Operator	City/State	Award amounts		
		Intercity fixed-route	Other	Total
Region I:				
Bonanza Bus Lines .....	Providence, RI .....	\$109,935	.....	\$109,935
Bristol Tours, Inc .....	Bristol, VT .....	.....	39,547	39,547
Concord Coach Lines, Inc .....	Concord, NH .....	48,800	.....	48,800
Entertainment Tours .....	Braintree, MA .....	63,000	.....	63,000
Peter Pan Bus Lines .....	Springfield, MA .....	157,859	.....	157,859
Vermont Transit Co .....	Burlington, VT .....	.....	33,151	33,151
Region II:				
Adirondack Trailways .....	Hurley, NY .....	187,500	.....	187,500
Blue Bird Coach Lines, Inc .....	N.Tonawanda, NY .....	.....	87,030	87,030
Hampton Jitney, Inc .....	Southampton, NY .....	.....	28,800	28,800
Shortline (Hudson Transit) .....	Mahwah, NJ .....	180,000	.....	180,000
Sunrise Coach Lines, Inc .....	Green Port, NY .....	.....	39,384	39,384
Syracuse and Oswego Motor Lines .....	E. Syracuse, NY .....	.....	43,481	43,481
Trans Express, Inc .....	Brooklyn, NY .....	.....	33,750	33,750
Trolley Tours, Inc .....	Forked River, NJ .....	72,000	22,950	94,950
Utica Rome Bus Company .....	Clinton, NY .....	.....	41,990	41,990
Region III:				
Abbott Bus Lines, Inc .....	Roanoke, VA .....	.....	91,482	91,482
Angelic Luxury Coach, Inc .....	District Hgts, MD .....	35,000	.....	35,000
Brown Bus Company .....	Richmond, VA .....	.....	28,710	28,710
Butler Motor Transit .....	Butler, PA .....	.....	37,800	37,800
Capitol Bus Company .....	Harrisburg, PA .....	50,400	.....	50,400
Elegance Bus Tours, Inc .....	Suitland, MD .....	35,000	.....	35,000
Eyre Bus Service, Inc .....	Glenelg, MD .....	.....	63,142	63,142
First Priority Tours, Inc .....	District Hgts, MD .....	.....	20,965	20,965
Hagey Coach, Inc .....	Franconia, PA .....	.....	50,400	50,400
Krapf's Coaches, Inc .....	West Chester, PA .....	.....	25,200	25,200
Lenzer Tour and Travel .....	Sewickley, Pa .....	.....	37,800	37,800
Penn Highway Transit Co .....	Lancaster, PA .....	.....	33,712	33,712
Perkiomen Tours .....	Pennsburg, PA .....	.....	33,300	33,300
Susquehanna Transit Co .....	Avis, PA .....	100,596	.....	100,596
Thomas Tours .....	Beltsville, MD .....	.....	12,617	12,617
Trans-Bridge Lines .....	Bethlehem, PA .....	154,101	.....	154,101
Region IV:				
Americoach Tours .....	Memphis, TN .....	.....	38,250	38,250
Blue Grass Tours, Inc .....	Lexington, KY .....	.....	28,507	28,507
Carolina Trailways .....	Raleigh, NC .....	.....	33,151	33,151
Champion Coach .....	Greenville, SC .....	.....	27,000	27,000
Escot Bus Lines, Inc .....	Tampa, FL .....	.....	39,368	39,368
Good Time Tours .....	Pensacola, FL .....	.....	2,700	2,700
Lancaster Tours and Travel .....	Lancaster, SC .....	.....	35,000	35,000
North Mississippi Services .....	Tupelo, MS .....	.....	45,814	45,814
Region V:				
Alpha Bus Leasing .....	Cincinnati, OH .....	.....	54,871	54,871
B&W Charters, Inc .....	Kalamazoo, MI .....	.....	36,961	36,961
Brecksville Road Transit, Inc .....	Brecksville, OH .....	.....	37,104	37,104