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 overthe-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			39.547	39,547
Concord Coach Lines, Inc		48.800		48.800
Entertainment Tours		63,000		63,000
Peter Pan Bus Lines	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	157,859		157,859
Vermont Transit Co		107,000	33.151	33,151
Region II:	. Durington, vi		00,101	00,101
Adirondack Trailways	. Hurley, NY	187.500		187,500
Blue Bird Coach Lines, Inc			87,030	87,030
Hampton Jitney, Inc	- I		28,800	28,800
Shortline (Hudson Transit)		180.000	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	180.000
	Green Port, NY		39,384	39,384
Surrise Coach Lines, Inc	F Cyronia NV			,
Syracuse and Oswego Motor Lines			43,481	43,481
Trans Express, Inc	1	70.000	33,750	33,750
Trolley Tours, Inc		72,000	22,950	94,950
Utica Rome Bus Company	. Clinton, NY		41,990	41,990
Region III:				
Abbott Bus Lines, Inc			91,482	91,482
Angelic Luxury Coach, Inc		35,000		35,000
Brown Bus Company			28,710	28,710
Butler Motor Transit	1		37,800	37,800
Capitol Bus Company		50,400		50,400
Elegance Bus Tours, Inc	. Suitland, MD	35,000		35,000
Eyre Bus Service, Inc			63,142	63,142
First Priority Tours, Inc	. District Hgts. MD		20,965	20,965
Hagey Coach, Inc			50,400	50,400
Krapf's Coaches, Inc			25,200	25,200
Lenzer Tour and Travel	. Sewickley, Pa		37,800	37,800
Penn Highway Transit Co			33,712	33,712
Perkiomen Tours	. Pennsburg, PA		33,300	33,300
Susquehanna Transit Co		100,596		100,596
Thomas Tours			12.617	12,617
Trans-Bridge Lines		154,101		154,101
Region IV:		,		,
Americoach Tours	. Memphis, TN		38,250	38,250
Blue Grass Tours, Inc			28,507	28,507
Carolina Trailways			33,151	33,151
Champion Coach			27.000	27,000
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Lancaster Tours and Travel	,		35,000	35,000
North Mississippi Services	. Tupelo, MS		45,814	45,814
Region V:	0		5.4.0=·	-46-1
Alpha Bus Leasing	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		54,871	54,871
B&W Charters, Inc			36,961	36,961
Brecksville Road Transit, Inc	. Brecksville, OH	l	37,104	37,104

Cavallo Bus Lines, Inc	Operator	City/State	Award amounts		
Colonial Coach Lines				Other	Total
Dixon Meyers Bus Transportation	Cavallo Bus Lines, Inc	Gillespie, IL		35,000	35,000
Jefferson Lines	Colonial Coach Lines	Des Plaines, IL	112,274		112,274
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Peoria Charter Coach Co	Jefferson Lines		133,250		133,250
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Eligible project costs may be incurred by awardees prior to final grant approval. The incremental capital cost for adding wheelchair lift equipment to any new vehicles delivered on or after June 9, 1998, the effective date of TEA– 21, is eligible for funding under the OTRB Accessibility Program.

Applicants selected for funding may be contacted by FTA regional offices if additional information is needed before grants are made. The grant applications will be sent to the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) for certification under labor protection requirements pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 5333(b). After referring applications to affected employees represented by a labor organization, DOL will issue a certification to FTA. Terms and conditions of the certification will be incorporated in the FTA grant agreement under the new guidelines replacing those in 29 CFR

Part 215. Please see Amendment to Section 5333(b), Guidelines to Carry Out New Programs Authorized by the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21); Final Rule (64 FR 40990, July 28, 1999).

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Administrator.

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