

NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY REQUEST FOR PROJECT APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT FUNDING UNDER THE FEDERAL JOBS ACCESS/ REVERSE COMMUTE PROGRAM, NEW FREEDOM PROGRAMS, AND PUBLIC WORKSHOP NOTICE

The Pasco County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), in coordination with the Hillsborough County MPO and Pinellas County MPO, is issuing a request for grant applications to receive funding under the Federal Jobs Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom Programs.

Funding is available for projects in Hillsborough, Pasco, and Pinellas Counties that provide public transportation services to low-income persons for the purpose of accessing jobs and to disabled persons to increase integration into the workforce and participation in the community.

Projects receiving funding must be derived from a coordinated public-transit, human services plan known locally as the Tri-County Access Plan (TCAP). For the JARC Program, two years of funding will be available totaling \$2,123,106.00; and for the New Freedom Program, two years of funding will be available totaling approximately \$1,656,708.00 pending passage of the 2008 Federal Transportation Appropriations Bill.

Project applications will be available on December 14, 2007, and are due by February 29, 2008. Applications should be submitted to the Pinellas County MPO, 600 Cleveland Street, Suite 750, Clearwater, Florida 33755. Questions about the grant application process can be submitted to lboykin@pinellascounty.org. Grant applications and information about the TCAP, JARC, and New Freedom Programs will be available at <http://www.pinellascounty.org/mpo/tricounty.htm>.

A public workshop providing information on the JARC and New Freedom Programs and the application process, in addition to the Elderly Persons and Persons with Disabilities Program

administered by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), will be held at the location listed below:

Friday, December 14, 2007 (10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.)

FDOT District Seven
11201 N. McKinley Drive
Tampa, Florida 33612

Persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or persons who require translation services (free of charge) should contact Nicole Mathis, Intermodal Systems Development, at (813) 975-6195 or (800) 226-7220, at least seven days prior to the hearing.