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## New Jersey Community Transportation Training Program

### National RTAP Announces ProcurementPRO Software

The national Rural Transit Assistance Program (National RTAP) recently announced the launch of a web-based application, ProcurementPRO, designed to help Indian tribes, non-profit organizations, municipalities and transportation agencies navigate the steps needed to determine the Federal clauses and certifications that must be included in procurement documents for a Federally funded project.

Designed in consultation with public transit agencies, the program includes structured information, guidance checklists, required boilerplate and other useful documentation. A user simply enters the type of procurement and the procurement cost into the program and then receives a list of appropriate procurement methods. Once a method is chosen, the software provides the required federal clauses

and certifications for that type of project, as well as other supporting documentation such as checklists and templates. All of this is done "in the cloud" which means the software is not installed on your computer, but rather done online through the web. The information provided by the program can be viewed using the QuickPRO version of ProcurementPRO or saved to National RTAP's server for storage and future editing using the full version of ProcurementPRO. With the full version the user is able to print the document including tabs for each step of the procurement process.

ProcurementPRO is available now and is free of charge. Go to National RTAP's website [www.nationalrtap.org](http://www.nationalrtap.org) to access ProcurementPRO and click on the Learn More link or sign-up in the National RTAP in the Cloud.

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The 2011 National Community Transportation Roadeo was held on Sunday, June 5, 2011 at Lucas Oil Field in Indianapolis during the annual CTAA Expo. Please join us in congratulating New Jersey's second place winner, Brian Fitzpatrick of Cape May County Fare Free, who came in 3rd place in the national roadeo.

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## NTI's Susan Greenstone Retires



After eighteen years with the National Transit Institute (NTI), Susan Greenstone has retired. The last remaining original employee of NTI, Susan began her career with a degree in Psychology, and a minor in music theory, from Rutgers Newark. For a number of years she was a caseworker with the Essex County Welfare Board, and after taking a break to raise her two daughters, went on to hold several secretarial positions before joining the staff at Rutgers with the Consortium for Educational Equity. She also held a variety of chairperson positions with community organizations.

Susan started at NTI in 1993 as a secretary, went on to become the Institute's Registrar and finally a Program Coordinator. In 2006, she also became the Training Coordinator for the New Jersey Community Transportation Training Program (NJCTTP), the joint NJT/NTI program that provides free training and scholarships to employees of New Jersey's community transportation providers. Susan feels she has not only provided a service that helped others, but also that the programs and the friends she has made have fulfilled her life as well.

Please join us in wishing Susan all the best!

## New Report Estimates Seniors' Transportation Needs on the Rise

A new report from the United States Government Accountability Office (GAO) found that an estimated 21 percent of U.S. residents age 65 and older are likely to need transportation services due to their inability to drive or lack of access to a vehicle. GAO arrived at this figure by analyzing data from the 2008 Health and Retirement Study to identify adults over age 65 who reported they could not drive, could drive but lacked access to a car, or did not have access to transportation services through their living facility.

Coupled with recent census reports that show baby boomers now starting to enter the ranks of seniors, it is estimated that demands for senior transportation could double overall, triple for individuals over 80, and quadruple for individuals over 85 in the years ahead. Faced with decreasing and/or shrinking funding from the traditional sources used to provide such services in New Jersey, the potential exists for a significant unmet need for service in the years ahead.

Examining the data for age and sex shows other gradations: some 41 percent of people age 80 and above are likely to need transportation services, compared to just 12 percent of ages 65-69, and the figures for women and men are 29 percent and 12 percent respectively.

The report also shows that seniors with lower incomes and lower net wealth, as measured by homeownership, had a higher need for transportation services, and that older adults with higher levels of education were less likely to need transportation services than older adults with a high school degree or less.

The report entitled *Older Americans Act: More Should Be Done to Measure the Extent of Unmet Need for Services* is available online at: <http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d11237.pdf> The specific section regarding transportation can be found on page 73 of the report.

## The 27th Annual NJ State Paratransit Roadeo

The 27th Annual New Jersey State Paratransit Roadeo was held on Saturday, April 30, 2011 at Six Flags' Great Adventure in Jackson, NJ. Fresh off his national win last year at the 2010 CTAA Expo's National Community Transportation Roadeo, and for the fourth time in a row, David Smith of Cape May County Fare Free Transportation took first place honors in the competition. For the second year in a row, the second place spot went to Brian Fitzpatrick, also of Cape May County Fare Free Transportation. The third and fourth place prizes went to Gary Shaffer of Middlesex County Transportation and Adele Jones of Cape May County Fare Free Transportation. Once again, the team of Mr. Smith and Mr. Fitzpatrick will be representing New Jersey in this year's national competition, taking place during the annual CTAA Expo, held this year in Indianapolis, Indiana, June 5-10.



More than 30 operators participated in the 27th Roadeo, a joint event organized and sponsored in part by NJ TRANSIT and the NJ Council on Special Transportation. Additional sponsors of this year's event included: Freedman Seating, who provided the trophies; Truck King International who provided breakfast; Route Match Software - Bottled Spring Water; Q'Straint-Sure-Lok - Wheelchair Lift Obstacle Vehicles; Wolfington Body Company - Music & Announcement Bus; as well as generous participation by The Braun Corporation, Shepard Bros., ABT Products and Services, and American Bus & Coach. Each year the competition draws drivers from around the state to test their skills and compete against each other in a written test, an obstacle course, pre-trip inspection techniques, and the proper securement of a passenger in a wheelchair. Trophies and prizes are awarded to the top four high scorers.



**Congratulations to both David Smith and Brian Fitzpatrick for representing New Jersey in this year's national roadeo competition!**

# NJCOST's John Adair Appointed to Advisory Committee

Somerset County Transportation Coordinator/Trainer and current President of NJCOST, John Adair was recently appointed to the Passenger Transportation Advisory Council by the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC) Board. Mr. Adair will be working to improve transportation services by providing input and assisting in developing and monitoring numerous transportation programs in conjunction with local, state, and federal partners and private sector companies as well.

Please join us in congratulating Mr. Adair!

## Scholarships Awarded to Attend CTAA Expo

The 2011 Community Transportation Association Expo returned to the place where it all began twenty-five years ago, in Indianapolis, Indiana. Community transportation professionals from around the nation gathered for five days of workshops, training, meetings and the National Community Transportation Rodeo competition. The New Jersey Community Transportation Training Program (NJCTTP) was pleased to have provided 11 RTAP scholarships to community transportation professionals in New Jersey to attend the Expo as part of the NJCTTP New Manager Training Initiative.

Among this year's scholarship recipients, William Kennedy of Cape May County Fare Free said that without the assistance provided by the scholarship, "this opportunity would not have been possible," and that "This CTAA Expo held special meaning for me because it gave me the opportunity to watch my drivers perform in the Rodeo." Mr. Kennedy also was appreciative that he was able to "gain valuable understanding of a number of current issues through a variety of the seminars and programs provided" during the Expo and specifically cited the crises that threaten non-emergency medical transportation and funding as being of particular interest and importance to him.

NJCTTP provides scholarships to help defray the cost of attending training courses, workshops, and conferences. For more information about this program or any other sponsored by NJCTTP, please visit our website at [www.njcttp.org](http://www.njcttp.org) or email Ginny Stern at [vsstern@rutgers.edu](mailto:vsstern@rutgers.edu).



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