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## **COTA Searches for Fund Recipients**

### ***JARC and New Freedom Grants Announced***

**COLUMBUS** – As a designated recipient of both Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom grants from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), the Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA) is conducting a competitive selection process to award grant funds for various projects.

JARC funding is made available to transit agencies and state departments of transportation to improve transportation access for low-income individuals needing transportation to work, job training and child care. New Freedom funds are available to develop transportation programs for persons with disabilities needing rides to work and medical treatment.

COTA distributed requests for proposals (RFP) on **Monday, Dec. 28, 2009**.

A Proposers Conference will be held on **Monday, Jan. 11, 2010**, at 2 p.m. Those who plan to submit grant applications are strongly encouraged to attend. An overview of the grant application guidelines and expectations for grant recipients will be presented at the conference.

Applications are due to COTA by **Monday, Feb. 1, 2010**, by 4 p.m.

The COTA Mobility Advisory Board Evaluation Team will review grant applications and make recommendations for funding on **Friday, Feb. 12, 2010**.

Final approvals from the COTA Mobility Advisory Board are expected by **Wednesday, March 10, 2010**.

Proposal process is subject to change.

Eligible applicants include private non-profit organizations, state and local government authorities, public transportation services and private operators of public transportation services.

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