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APPLICATIONS FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM NOW AVAILABLE FOR TRANSIT PROVIDERS

LITTLE ROCK (1-3) – The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) is now accepting applications from transit providers for the following public transportation program:

Elderly Persons and Persons with Disabilities Capital Assistance Program – a capital assistance program to purchase transit vehicles and specialized equipment for agencies providing service to elderly persons and persons with disabilities. (Section 5310)

Applications will only be accepted from eligible legal entities operating in the State of Arkansas who possess the experience, financial and technical capacity and administrative ability to carry out the project or projects for which the vehicle is to support. Only one application will be accepted from each eligible legal entity and each application may not request more than one vehicle.

An electronic copy of the application may be obtained by accessing the Department's Internet website at www.ArkansasHighways.com. Once on the site, users should click on "Programs" followed by "Public Transportation Programs" and then "Federal Programs/Applications." Once there, users select "Elderly and Persons with Disabilities (Section 5310)" and scroll down to the "Grant Application Period" heading. The applications are available for download in Adobe Acrobat and Microsoft Word formats. Agencies may request a paper copy by calling the Department at 501-569-2471.

Applications must be received by the AHTD's Public Transportation Programs Section no later than 4:00 p.m. CST on Wednesday, March 7, 2012, at the following address: Public Transportation Programs Section, AHTD, P.O. Box 2261, Little Rock, AR 72203-2261 or 10324 Interstate 30, Little Rock, AR 72209. Applications received after this date may not be considered for funding.