

Training & Technical Assistance

RTAP/MTAP FUNDAMENTAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT TRAINING

AMERICAN PUBLIC WORKS ASSOCIATION/NATIONAL RTAP PROGRAM

RLS & Associates, Inc. provided course development and program instruction for a collaborative effort between the National Rural Technical Assistance Program (RTAP) and the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO)/Multi-State Technical Assistance Program (MTAP) to develop a training course entitled, "Fundamental Financial Management Training for Rural and Small Urban Public Transportation Providers." This course was designed to complement a previous MTAP effort, Comprehensive Financial Management Guidelines for Rural and Small Urban Public Transportation Providers. The course notebook and workshop materials for the new course were designed to focus more narrowly on several specific, yet fundamental, components of financial and grants management.

By design, the manual and course materials were customized to each state in accordance with its management practices under the Section 5311 program. States sponsoring the course included:

- ◆ Illinois Department of Transportation/Missouri Department of Transportation, with participation from several other State DOTs and/or RTAP program representatives
- ◆ Idaho Department of Transportation
- ◆ New Hampshire Department of Transportation/Maine Department of Transportation/Vermont Agency of Transportation
- ◆ Tennessee Department of Transportation
- ◆ Texas Department of Transportation
- ◆ Alabama Department of Transportation
- ◆ Mississippi Department of Transportation

RLS also designed a "train the trainer" course to continue work in this field.

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