

Safety & Security Planning; Training & Technical Assistance

ODOT WORKSHOPS

OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OFFICE OF TRANSIT (ODOT)

RLS & Associates, Inc. has conducted several workshops specifically for the Ohio Department of Transportation. They have included:

Contracting with the Private Sector

RLS & Associates, Inc. in association with McLary Management & Investment developed and conducted a workshop on the Fundamentals of Contracting. The course was presented in two two-day sessions. The first three days centered on key issues to successful contracting from the purchaser's perspective. The final day targeted the needs of the providers of service. Course attendees learned why and when to contract services, who should be involved in the contracting process, how to apply evaluation criteria, advantages and disadvantages of the various procurement methods, and what is a good contract.

The Many Faces of Rideshare

A workshop designed to aid rideshare professionals in performing rideshare campaign tasks.

Establishing Fair Fares

A fare workshop conducted to help transit entities establish fair fares for their systems.

How to Select the Right Vehicle for You

Designed and conducted a workshop primarily targeted at Section 5310 recipients that presented a step-by-step process on vehicle selection. The workshop identified all of the variables that should be included in the decision-making process and presented a methodology that class participants could use to select the best type of vehicle to meet their respective needs.

Coordination: Just Do It

Developed and conducted a one-day "hands-on" workshop on human service agency transportation program coordination. The course presented a proven implementation strategy, alternative coordination options, and methods for combating implementation barriers.

User-Side Subsidy Workshop

Designed and conducted a one day workshop for the six user-side subsidy systems in the state of Ohio. The workshop addressed issues that are specific to the needs of these systems including sales outlet agreements, service provider contracts, passenger eligibility, and recordkeeping.

Contracting Workshop

Assisted COMSIS in the development of a Contracting Workshop designed to meet the needs of managers of small transportation providers in Ohio.



Board Member Seminar

Assisted in the design and instruction of a one-day seminar for board members of small transportation providers in Ohio. Emphasis was placed on system monitoring techniques and board member roles.

Planning/Service Evaluation Workshop

Assisted with the development of a one-day workshop on planning/service evaluation in the face of financial reductions for managers of small transportation providers in Ohio. Topics included service standards; data collection; service analysis; operational analysis; costing methods; and the estimation of the impacts of fare changes on ridership and revenue.

Substance Abuse Management Course

RLS staff have conducted substance abuse management and compliance courses on an annual basis for the last five years. These workshops are designed to keep Ohio transit managers up-to-date and knowledgeable about compliance issues and the FTA audit process.

Financial Management Guidelines Workshop

This workshop was provided to small urban and rural public transportation providers to provide knowledge in the areas of strategic planning, transportation reviews, transportation costs, the budget process, cost allocation, cash management, financial reporting, and performance evaluation.

Third Party Administration

RLS developed and presented a workshop on the FTA drug and alcohol regulations to representatives of Third Party Administrators that provide testing services for transit systems. The unique training course was designed to make the attendees aware of the difference between the regulation requirements of the FTA and FHWA and the expectations for service quality.

Americans with Disabilities Act

RLS staff conducted a series of workshops on the implications of the ADA on demand response transportation service providers including social service agencies, coordinated transportation services and public transit service providers.

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