



## 2015 Southeastern Regional Transit Conference **BUILDING LADDERS OF OPPORTUNITY** Through Transportation Networks

Georgia Tech School of Civil and Environmental Engineering  
College of Engineering



### Building Ladders of Opportunity Through Transportation Networks

May 13-15, 2015  
Loudermilk Center  
Atlanta, Georgia

Register online at: <https://www.regonline.com/2015seregionaltransitconference>

The 2015 Southeastern Regional Grantee Conference, *Building Ladders of Opportunity Through Transportation*, will be held on May 13-15, 2015. The region-wide conference is being co-sponsored by the Georgia Transportation Institute University Transportation Center and the Center for Urban Transportation Research, University of South Florida.

**When:** May 13-15, 2015  
Start: Wednesday at 8:00 am

**Where:** Loudermilk Conference Center, 40 Courtland Street, Atlanta, Georgia 30303

**Who:** Federal Transit Administration Grantees, including Transit Operators, Metropolitan and Rural Planning Organizations, State Departments of Transportation, State Departments of Human Services, Intercity Bus Operators, State Transit Associations, Disability Organizations and Transit Advocacy Organizations

#### Conference Program

Enclosed is a draft program. In addition, this program is available on the Conference Program page on the website, [http://www.fta.dot.gov/region4\\_8354.html](http://www.fta.dot.gov/region4_8354.html). Please check the website for periodic updates to the program.

#### Registration

Registration and payments must be made online at

<https://www.regonline.com/2015seregionaltransitconference>. The early conference registration fee is \$215, if you register by May 1, 2015. After May 1st, registration is \$280. Please register as soon as possible!

#### Hotels

The reduced conference hotel room rate is \$135, plus tax, which is equivalent to the Federal government rate for Atlanta. The conference is listed at the hotels below under **Regional Grantee Conference**. The cut-off date to obtain reservations at the \$135 rate is April 17, 2015.

A block of rooms is available at the following hotels at the Government rate of \$135/night.

**Residence Inn Atlanta Midtown/Peachtree at 17th** (1 block north and east of the west exit of the Arts Center MARTA Station).  
1365 Peachtree Street NE  
Atlanta, Georgia 30309

Call the hotel directly at 404-745-1000 and identify as *REGIONAL GRANTEE CONFERENCE* room block.

**Renaissance Atlanta Midtown** (2 blocks south of the south exit of the Midtown MARTA Station.)  
866 West Peachtree Street, NW  
Atlanta, GA 30308

Call the hotel directly at 678-412-2400 or 800-468-3571 and identify as *REGIONAL GRANTEE CONFERENCE* room block. You can also use [this link](#).

**Atlanta Marriott Suites Midtown** (1 block south of the east exit of the Arts Center MARTA Station).  
35 14<sup>th</sup> Street NE  
Atlanta, GA 30309

Call the hotel directly at 404-876-8888 or 800-228-9290 and identify as *REGIONAL GRANTEE CONFERENCE* room block.

**Crowne Plaza Atlanta Midtown** (1 block south of the south exit of the North Avenue MARTA Station.)  
590 West Peachtree Street, NW  
Atlanta, GA 30308

Call the hotel directly at 404-877-9000 and identify as *REGIONAL GRANTEE CONFERENCE* room block.

#### **Contact Information**

If you have any questions about the conference agenda please contact Jennifer Hibbert at (404) 865-5632 or [Jennifer.hibbert@dot.gov](mailto:Jennifer.hibbert@dot.gov). All questions regarding registration should be addressed to Stephanie Lewis [zavacki@cutr.usf.edu](mailto:zavacki@cutr.usf.edu). All vendor and sponsorship questions can be addressed to Hoki Tsu at [hokitse@gatech.edu](mailto:hokitse@gatech.edu).

#### **Use of Federal Funding for Conference Participation**

Section 200.472, of the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements (commonly referred to as the SuperCircular) provides, "The cost of training and education provided for employee development is allowable."

Additional guidance regarding "EMPLOYEE TRAINING EXPENSES" can be found in FTA C 9030.1E, URBANIZED AREA FORMULA PROGRAM: PROGRAM GUIDANCE AND APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS. Please call the Regional office with any questions.

In addition, Section 5310, Section 5311 and Statewide Planning program funds can be used to pay for official training associated with the administration of these programs. Please contact your State DOT representative with any questions about use of these funding mechanisms.

These activities may be covered in an existing grant.