NOTICE OF PROPOSED GUIDANCE DOCUMENT

DTIM-BPED17

Pursuant to Wis. Stat. s. 227.112, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation is hereby seeking comment on DTIM-BPED17, Wisconsin Administrative Code Trans 510, a proposed guidance document.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION

Comments may be submitted to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for 21 days by:

- 1. Department's website: https://appengine.egov.com/apps/wi/dot/guidance-docs?guidDocId=DTIM-BPED17
- 2. Mailing written comments to:

Division of Transportation Investment Management Wisconsin Department of Transportation 4822 Madison Yards Way PO Box 7913 Madison, WI 53707-7913

WEBSITE LOCATION OF FINAL GUIDANCE DOCUMENT

The final version of this guidance document will be posted at <u>wisconsindot.gov</u> to allow for ongoing comment.

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State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation

Transportation Economic Assistance (TEA)

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The Transportation Economic Assistance (TEA)

program provides matching state grants to governing bodies for road, rail, harbor and airport projects that help attract employers to Wisconsin, or encourage business and industry to remain and expand in the state.

Program purpose

The goal of the TEA program is to attract and retain businesses in Wisconsin and thus create and increase the number of jobs. The business cannot be speculative and local communities must assure that the number of jobs anticipated from the proposed project will materialize within three years from the date of the project agreement and remain for another four years.

Program description

Each state fiscal year, the TEA program has \$3.4 million available for transportation improvement projects. Grants of up to \$1 million are available for transportation improvements that are essential for an economic development project. The transportation project must have the local government's endorsement, benefit the public, and begin within three years of project

agreement. The program is designed to implement an improvement more quickly than normal state programming processes allow. The 50% local match can come from any combination of local, federal, or private funds or in-kind services.

Applications are first come, first serve, and funded when all eligibility information is complete and satisfactory.

Program history

The TEA program began in September 1987. Through May 15, 2019, more than \$111 million has been invested in grants awarded to 213 communities, resulting in more than 27,000 new jobs and 19,490 retained jobs at 350 Wisconsin businesses.

- 🔁 TEA program projects since 1987
- 🔁 Map of TEA grant recipients

Program documents

- TEA Program Checklist (DT 1282)
- w TEA Grant Application (DT 1283)
- 🕅 TEA Job Guarantee (DT 1286)
- Environmental clearance process
 - Worksheet 44.40: Archaeological/historical review worksheet with a signed cover letter from an archaeological and historical consultant firm
 - 🗷 <u>Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Environmental</u> Assessment liaison outreach letter
 - Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Environmental Assessment liaison project response letter
 - Environmental forms and tools

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Additional information:

 Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation - Annual Report on Economic Development