

# MEMO



DATE: February 8, 2012  
TO: Division Directors  
District Engineers  
Bureau Chiefs  
Local Agencies and MPOs  
FROM: Bureau of Transportation Safety & Technology  
Mike Floberg, Bureau Chief *MF*  
Intelligent Transportation Systems Unit  
Leslie Fowler, ITS Program Manager *LSF*  
RE: Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Set-Aside Program

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The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) is now soliciting funding requests for the fiscal year 2014 ITS Set-Aside Fund.

ITS uses electronics, computers, sensors, communications, and management strategies to improve roadway safety and transportation system efficiency. The goal of the ITS Set-Aside Program is to promote ITS within the state by funding research and technology applications. The program was created in 1999 with the intent of providing "seed money" to encourage participation and investment in ITS technologies by state, county, and city governments. The set-aside fund was made available beginning in fiscal year 2000 and has been part of the Comprehensive Transportation Program (CTP). In FY 2000, \$1 million in funding was available. That amount was increased to \$1.5 million for FY 2001 and to \$2.0 million for FY 2002 through FY 2009, coinciding with the end of the CTP. Funding for the state fiscal year 2014 ITS Set-Aside Program will be sourced through T-WORKS, the comprehensive transportation program passed by the 2010 Kansas Legislature. The ITS Set-Aside fund is managed by the ITS Unit in the KDOT Bureau of Transportation Safety and Technology. We are proceeding with the application process for FY 2014 and encourage you to apply.

In order to distribute these funds, the ITS Unit is soliciting project requests. All applications should be submitted on the **KDOT ITS Set-Aside Program FY2014 Project Request Form**, and should include a detailed description of the project. As part of the KDOT Statewide ITS Plan, project selection criteria were established and will be used to determine project selection. Each project will be rated by the KDOT ITS Steering Committee based on these criteria. The ITS Steering Committee will evaluate the projects and determine preliminary funding allocations. After final approval, award letters will be sent out, and a meeting will be held with fund recipients to review their responsibilities.

Funding is available for projects that apply ITS technologies such as advanced sensor, computer, electronics, and communications and management strategies to increase the safety and efficiency of the transportation system. ITS has applications in urban and rural areas, commercial vehicle operations, and transit. Consideration for funding will be given to all of these areas. It is strongly encouraged that projects submitted

take into account the communications architecture required for operation. Integration of systems with existing or planned infrastructure needs to be considered ITS Set-Aside Program as well.

**Applications should also include information related to integration with current and/or future ITS projects.**

The ITS Steering Committee will score and rank projects based on the following criteria:

- Anticipated ITS benefits
- Likelihood to succeed
- Cost effectiveness
- Matching funds or KDOT Project
- Rural/Local impact

Additional points will be given to projects that use new and innovative technologies with the intent of saving lives, time and money. For more information, please review ITS resources available on the web at [www.itsa.org](http://www.itsa.org) , [www.its.dot.gov](http://www.its.dot.gov) , or the KDOT ITS site at [www.ksdot.org/burtransplan/burovr/inttrans.asp](http://www.ksdot.org/burtransplan/burovr/inttrans.asp).

Once funding determinations are made, a KDOT project number will be assigned to each project approved for funding. A detailed schedule for this year's ITS Set-Aside Program application is provided below:

<b>March 9, 2012</b>	Project submissions due to the KDOT ITS Unit
<b>April 2-6, 2012</b>	Project awards approved by ITS Set-Aside Committee
<b>May 8, 2012</b>	Letters of award sent. Meetings will then be set up with award recipients to discuss funding uses and responsibilities of recipients

If you have any questions regarding the KDOT ITS Program, the ITS Set-Aside fund or questions on the solicitation procedures, please direct them to David Behzadpour, ITS Engineering Associate, at (785) 296-3387 or by e-mail at [davidbeh@ksdot.org](mailto:davidbeh@ksdot.org). Thank you for your interest.

Submit completed electronic forms to David Behzadpour at [davidbeh@ksdot.org](mailto:davidbeh@ksdot.org) no later than March 9, 2012.

#### Attachments

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District Maintenance Engineers  
District Material Engineers  
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ITS Steering Committee