

**Mark your Calendar & Plan to Attend the
National Title VI/Nondiscrimination Forum
August 19, 2009
A 1-day Product Demonstration Showcase (PDS)**

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and related statutes requires recipients of Federal funds to ensure nondiscrimination in all programs and activities. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) allocates billions of dollars to State departments of transportation (DOT), hereinafter referred to as State transportation agencies (STAs). The STAs are required to implement Title VI programs to ensure no discrimination by the STA and their subrecipients (cities, towns, counties, metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs), etc.). Many STAs are delegating more of their FHWA program responsibilities to their local agencies.

The FHWA Resource Center Civil Rights Technical Service Team is working in partnership with the Headquarters Office of Civil Rights (HCR), and the Southern Transportation Civil Rights Executive Council (STCREC) to host a **National Title VI/Nondiscrimination Forum**. The STCREC consists of civil rights officials from eight southern STAs who work collaboratively to advance these programs. The purpose of the **National Title VI/Nondiscrimination Forum** is to provide an opportunity for STAs, local governments, other DOT recipients and subrecipients to learn about Title VI requirements.

The Title VI Forum will be hosted in conjunction with the STCREC's biennial **Civil Rights Training Symposium**--about 200 DOT officials from across the nation usually attend this symposium.

The following briefly describes the objectives, expected outcomes, and format of the **Title VI/Nondiscrimination Forum**:

Objectives:

- **To deploy technology and demonstrate products, services and programs that promote uniformity and consistency by our STAs, local agencies, and other recipients in administering Title VI/Nondiscrimination programs.**
- **To provide an opportunity for our customers, partners and stakeholders to network, share knowledge and resources to meet program requirements.**
- **To share information on emerging issues regarding Title VI and other related statutes, regulations, and Executive Orders, such as ADA/504, Limited English Proficiency (LEP), and Environmental Justice.**

Expected Outcomes:

- *Title VI tools will be deployed to promote uniformity and consistency in program delivery.*
- *STAs and local governments will have increased knowledge on emerging Title VI issues and be better prepared to address potential impacts.*
- *State and local governments will have participated in an education and outreach forum as a major element in implementing Title VI.*
- *Customers, partners, and stakeholders will develop partnerships, and have access to numerous contacts for sharing information and resources to improve their Title VI program.*

No Registration Fee!

WHAT: National Title VI/Nondiscrimination Forum

- Format: Workshops; panelists; roundtables; Keynote Speakers
- Title VI Showcase: Exhibits, Demo, Title VI Tools, STA program documents, software, and other data collection methods, etc.

WHO: For STAs, local agencies, and other FHWA fund subrecipients

WHEN: August 19, 2009 (8:30 am – 5:00 pm)

**WHERE: Wynfrey Hotel, 1000 Riverchase Galleria, Birmingham, AL 35244
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