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## **REGION 10 BULLETIN NO: 06-27**

SUBJECT: Introduction to Transportation Conformity Course

PROGRAM AREAS: Training

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The Transportation/Air Quality Conformity course will present basic information about conformity requirements and the relationship of the transportation and air quality planning processes. The course is intended to prepare agency staff (federal, state and local) to participate in interagency consultation and work effectively in resolving conformity issues. The course will present all the latest information on the SAFETEA-LU conformity changes and the recent conformity rule amendment on particulate matter (PM) hot-spot analysis.

The course is structured for new staff members as well as senior staff working in the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), state departments of transportation (DOTs), metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs), state/county/local planning agencies, state and local air quality agencies, transit agencies and consultant firms.

Primary objectives of the course are:

- To develop a clear understanding of the dynamic relationship between transportation planning and air quality planning in the context of transportation conformity,
- To provide an overview of the transportation planning and project development processes and to show how these processes are linked to the State Implementation Plan (SIP) through the conformity requirements, and
- To provide an understanding of the roles and responsibilities in inter-agency coordination and techniques to provide opportunities for public participation in the conformity process.

The tuition is waived for federal, state and local government employees who work in transportation or related areas. Fee for contractors and consultants is \$450.00. Register online at [www.ntionline.com](http://www.ntionline.com) for Chicago, IL, November 28-30, 2006, or New York, NY, December 12-14, 2006.

Sincerely,

*Linda M. Gehlke*

for  
R.F. Krochalis  
Regional Administrator