

WSP Washington Update - December 11, 2018 - Interim Update - BUILD Grants Announced

Today, US DOT Secretary Elaine Chao held an industry briefing featuring key congressional leaders to announce the \$1.5B in FY'18 BUILD competitive grants. BUILD was previously called the TIGER program. This is the 10th round of BUILD grants which typically total only about \$500M per year. The Department selected 91 projects in 49 states and the District of Columbia. As usual, the program was greatly oversubscribed. Over 850 applications were submitted requesting close to \$11B.

Here is a [link](#) to US DOT's press release on the BUILD announcement which includes a list of the projects selected, a [link](#) to background on each project selected, and a [link](#) to a map showing the project locations.

- 62 of the 91 projects selected were in rural areas – 69% of the total funding – a significant increase over past years.
- \$7B has been awarded through the BUILD/TIGER program since 2009.
- The average size of the FY'18 grants increased this year to about \$16.2M per grant.
- 69% of the funding (\$1B) went to highway related projects, 11.2% (\$165M) to transit, 9.9% (\$146M) to ports/maritime and 9.6% (\$141M) to freight rail.
- No grants for planning projects were approved.
- The states which received the most funding include Texas, California, Missouri, North Carolina, Kentucky and Colorado.