

## WSP Washington Update - June 29, 2017 - Interim Update

US DOT has made a major announcement about the popular FAST Act FASTLANE discretionary grant program which will now be named the INFRA grant program.

Here is a summary of the announcement:

- The FAST Act's FASTLANE discretionary grant program will now be called the INFRA discretionary grant program
- New selection criteria has been developed which reflect the priorities of the Trump Administration
- A Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), reflecting the revised selection criteria, can be found [here](#)
- US DOT will shortly announce the selection of some of the FY'17 FAST Act/INFRA grant awards based on applications which were submitted last fall. However, instead of announcing all \$850M in funding authorized for FY'17 grants, only about \$79M in grants under the FAST Act's set-aside for "small" (under \$100M) projects will be released
- The remaining FY'17 funding will be rolled in with the FY'18 funding (the FAST Act authorized \$900M for FY'18) for a total of approximately \$1.5B (after various administrative take downs)
- Applicants who applied last fall for "non-small" FY'17 grants must resubmit their applications in response to the new NOFO. They can resubmit their previous applications as long as they explain how the project meets the revised INFRA criteria
- Applicants will have 120 days after the publication of the NOFO in the Federal Register – which is expected early next week - to submit grant applications
- The new INFRA selection criteria will include: national and regional economic vitality, potential for innovation (safety, environmental review and permitting, and project delivery approach), leveraging of federal funding, and performance and accountability
- Solicitation of FY'17 TIGER grant applications was not addressed by US DOT

Here is a [link](#) to a comparison of the FASTLANE versus the INFRA grant criteria and a [link](#) to FAQs on the revised INFRA program.