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New York State Department of Transportation  
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## **Request For Information**

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### **Third Party Transit Information Providers and Developers: Transit Data Portal Requirements Gathering Workshop**

#### Description:

This IS NOT a Request for Proposals. The New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) issues this “Request for Information” (RFI) with respect to gathering input from third party transit information providers and application developers on their areas of interest and associated data requirements related to the provision of transit service information via the 511NY web portal.

#### **Background**

NYSDOT, in cooperation with public transportation providers in New York State, intends to develop and provide transit service information, such as bus schedule data, via its [www.511NY.org](http://www.511NY.org) traveler information portal. Although the initial focus of this portal will be on creating a one-stop Statewide location for static schedule data, the Department is leading an effort to create a Next Generation Transit Service Information Portal (TSIP) to expand and enhance the transit service-related information that will be made available through the 511NY portal. Some examples of transit data that may be available via the TSIP include scheduled bus arrival times, service alerts, and comprehensive fare information.

NYSDOT is considering the release of a Request for Proposals (RFP) to develop and deploy a Next Generation Transit Service Information Portal as a subsystem of the 511NY website portal. The intent and expectation is that the TSIP will be a source for transit agencies, as well as third party transit information providers and developers, to access high quality transit service information that has been provided by participating

transit agencies. For more information about NYSDOT's Transit Service Information Portal project, please see

<http://www.utrc2.org/events/events.php?viewid=250>

To support the information and requirements gathering needed to develop the TSIP, the Department will conduct a one-day workshop, as described below, for third party transit information providers and application developers.

### **Developer's Requirements Workshop**

To improve the requirements of the TSIP information for the RFP, a Transit Information Developers Requirements Workshop will be held:

- **When:** February 24, 2010 from 1:00 – 4:00 PM
- **Where:** North Academic Center Ballroom, City College of New York between Amsterdam and Convent Avenues, and 136th and 138th Streets
- **Workshop Objectives:**
  - Inform third-party vendors and developers about the proposed TSIP
  - Increase common understanding among vendor, developer and Agency stakeholders of transit data management and dissemination issues
  - Gather potential requirements for TSIP from third-party vendors and developers

The purpose of the Workshop is to engage interested parties in a discussion of what transit data are of greatest interest for inclusion in the Portal, how developers wish to access such data (formats, timing, tools, etc.). The input being sought at this event is intended to inform the development of system and data requirements that are being developed for the TSIP RFP. It is intended that the format for the data to be accessed via the portal will be non-proprietary.

The Workshop is explicitly intended to gather third party consumer requirements, some of which **may** ultimately be reflected in the RFP. The Workshop is **not** intended to preview other aspects of the RFP, and it is not an informational session oriented to potential bidders on the TSIP. The RFP may be developed as a collaborative product of NYSDOT and the participating public transportation agencies to support a range of agency-to-agency operational, planning and customer information objectives. Third party developer requirements comprise one dimension of the overall multi-agency portal project. Aspects of the portal pertaining to transit agency operational coordination and planning will not be covered in this Workshop. Further, this Workshop is not intended to address transit agencies' policies and practices pertaining to the release of their data. It is focused on technical requirements that would enhance the usability of transit service data, by third party developers, were it to be released.

This Request for Information is an invitation for interested third party information providers and developers to participate in the Requirements Workshop and inform NYSDOT and its public agency partners of third party needs that may be used to define requirements in the TSIP RFP.

**Registering and Providing Input**

A preliminary Workshop Agenda will be released to all parties expressing interest and providing an email address via the registration form at

<http://www.utrc2.org/events/events.php?viewid=250>

You must register to attend this Workshop. The deadline for registering is February 17, 2010. Although it is not anticipated to be an issue, registration may be limited by the space available at the Workshop location.

If you are **unable** to attend the Workshop, but would like to provide input related to the discussion topics listed in the preliminary Agenda, please submit your input and feedback via email by March 1, 2010 via the contact email below.

Submissions Requested By: 2/17/2010

Registration requests may also be submitted To:

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