



# TIGER 2013 Application Preparation for Ports

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# TIGER

- To date, nearly 400 applications have been submitted for port related projects
- The total amount requested for these projects was more than \$8 billion
- While the quality of the individual applications has improved, the number of applications has gone down
- We understand that completing an application is a significant effort, but we encourage ports to apply

# TIGER

- \$474 million multimodal, merit-based discretionary grant program
- \$120 million for rural areas
- Modal and geographic equity requirements
- No Pre-Application Required
- Shortest Obligation Timeframe



# 2013 Application Review

- Must have submitted Applications on or before June 3, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. EDT via [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov).
- Common application deficiencies:
  - Funding amount requested does not meet the NOFA criteria
  - Applicant eligibility
  - Project eligibility
  - Urban / rural designation and project location clarity

# Demand for TIGER

- Over four rounds, only about 5 percent of applications have been awarded
- 4,050 applications received
- \$105.2 billion requested
- 218 Awards
- Most awards have been partial funding
- We anticipate over 800 Applications requesting ~\$13 billion



# TIGER Evaluation Process

- Does the project align well with the long term priorities of USDOT? (state of good repair, economic competitiveness, livability, sustainability, safety)
- Does the application clearly demonstrate project readiness and near-term economic activity / job creation?
- Does the application demonstrate jurisdictional and/or disciplinary partnership?
- Does the application leverage significant non-federal resources?
- Is the project innovative in terms of design, technology, project delivery, or financing?

# Highly Competitive Projects

- Multimodal projects, coordinated investment from other sources and programs
- Demonstrate project benefits across selection criteria
- New partnerships, multi-jurisdictional cooperation
- Public-private partnerships
- Support key national priorities
- Non-traditional or hard to fund projects



# Application Pitfalls

- Ineligibility: applicants and projects
- Priorities/outcomes not aligned with selection criteria
- Project readiness
- Insufficient matching funds, lack of demonstration
- Non-construction requests: operations/maintenance assistance, or right-of-way purchase
- Grouping unrelated projects





# Technical Assistance

- USDOT offers technical assistance to help applicants through the TIGER process
- Previous TIGER application debriefs
- Benefit cost analysis resource guide
- Special Topics Webinars
- Questions sent to [TIGERGrants@dot.gov](mailto:TIGERGrants@dot.gov)



# Additional Application Help

- TIGER Website: [www.dot.gov/tiger/](http://www.dot.gov/tiger/)
- Special Topics Webinars and Frequently Asked Questions:
  - <http://www.dot.gov/tiger/application-resources.html>



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## Question and Answer Session