Federal Resources: Build America Bureau

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The Build America Bureau

Financial and Technical Assistance from the US Department of Transportation

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Who are we?

• Established by Congress in July 2016 via the FAST Act
  – One-stop center for innovative project finance and delivery
  – Office of the Undersecretary of Transportation for Policy

• We facilitate innovative delivery and financing of transportation projects through
  – Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA)
  – Railroad Rehabilitation and Improvement Financing (RRIF)
  – Private Activity Bonds (PABs)
  – Technical Assistance
Bureau Business Model Framework

Outreach and Project Development

- Targeted Outreach
  - Tailored
    - Products
      - And
        - Services
  - Prospect
    - Bureau/Sponsor Dialogue to Identify Financing and P3 Opportunities
  - Discovery
- Initial Engagement
  - “POC” Assigned
- Project Development
  - “PDL” Assigned
  - Responsive
  - Active Involvement
- Intake
- Credit Office
  - Pre-Credit Application
    - Underwriter Assigned
      - Plan of Finance Reviewed
    - Portfolio Manager Assigned
      - Operating Admin. Oversees Construction
  - Financial Close
    - Delivery
TIFIA & RRIF

Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act of 1998

• Can finance up to 33% of eligible project costs
• Requires dedicated revenue stream
• Long-term repayment period
  • Flexible amortization, up to 35 years
  • Can be deferred for 5 years
• No pre-payment penalty

Railroad Rehabilitation & Improvement Financing

• Can finance up to 100% of eligible project costs
States with Executed TIFIA Agreements

Total Number of Projects: 78
Total Assistance: $31.4 billion
Total Project Investment: $113.4 billion
Bureau Priorities

• Diversify current portfolio of TIFIA and RRIF loans
  – Geographic
  – Project types and sizes
• Sustain a robust pipeline
  – Expand state and local engagement
  – Educate new borrowers
• New Products
• Streamline TIFIA and RRIF application process
• Surface Transportation Reauthorization
State outreach visits

• Leadership
  – State DOT director and senior staff
  – Governor’s staff
  – State legislature committee leadership

• Economic development organizations
  – Modal leads (e.g. Ports Director)
  – Chambers of commerce
  – Regional planning orgs.
  – Metropolitan planning orgs.

• Jurisdictions
  – Cities
  – Counties
  – Planning commissions
We would love to work with you

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