

SECTION 5311 CONSOLIDATED GRANT ASSISTANCE PROJECT
OPERATING AND CAPITAL FUNDING ASSISTANCE

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public notice is hereby made that the County of Oneida is applying for federal financial assistance that will be used to provide public transportation service as follows:

Fixed – route, route deviation and demand response public transportation service between Rural and Non-urbanized Areas of the Oneida County (Bridgewater, Cassville, Clayville, Sauquoit, Chadwicks, Brookfield, Waterville, Paris, Yorkville, Whitesboro) and City of Utica and (Forest Port, Boonville, West Lyden, Ava, Lee, Holland Patent, Barneveld, Floyd, Whitesboro, Yorkville, Westmoreland, Kirkland, Clinton, Knoxboro, Lowell, Vernon, Sherrill, Oneida, Durhamville, Stacy Basin, New London, Churchville, Camden, Sylvan Beach, Vienna, Clarkmills, New Hartford) and City of Rome for the period January 1 - December 31, 2011 and 2012. Hours of operations are week days Monday to Friday, morning and afternoon. Transportation services will be available to the general public during all hours of operation.

The project is expected to be financed by federal Section 5311 public transportation funds, with additional funds to be provided from the New York State Transportation Operating Assistance Program, and the transit operator match. The total federal Section 5311 share for is \$93,500 for the years 2011. The federal amount for FY 2012 will be determined after Congress approval of new appropriation bill for FFY 2012.

Public notice is further made that Oneida County is also applying for federal financial assistance to purchase three (3) replacements Light Duty – Mid size buses that will be used to provide fixed route and route deviation public transportation service in the county rural areas provided by the Birnie Bus Tours Inc. The transportation service will be available to the general public during all hours of operation. The project is expected to be financed by federal Section 5311 public transportation funds (80%), with additional funds to be provided from New York State department of Transportation (10%), and local funds (10%) provided by the transportation service provider. The total federal share is expected to be up to \$300,000.00. This project is included in the current Herkimer-Oneida Counties Transportation Study (HOCTS) Transportation Improvement Program 2011-2015.

Comments on the proposed project are invited from the general public, private bus and taxi companies, other public transportation providers and human service agencies. Interested parties may comment on the project or obtain more details about the project by writing to:

Harry Miller
Herkimer-Oneida Counties Transportation Study
Boehlert Center at Union Station
321 Main Street
Utica, New York 13501
(315) 798-5037; Fax (315) 798-5852

Human service agencies that receive assistance from other Federal agencies for non-emergency transportation services are encouraged to participate and coordinate with the provider in the planning, design and delivery of transportation services. Agencies may obtain copies of the service proposal and submit proposals for service coordination. Private bus and taxi operators

may request copies of the project service description from the above named person and may submit comments on the service as described.

If you wish to comment on any aspect of the proposed project, submit a proposal or a request for service coordination or request a public hearing on this project, you must make your interest known in writing within ten days of the date of this publication and provide your comments within ten days of your receipt of the project service description. Your requests and/or comments must be forwarded to the above person.