

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) is providing notice that it wishes to enter into an agreement with private charter operators in order to provide charter service in its geographical service area. This solicitation is being made in Compliance with 49 CFR Section 604.

The RTA proposes to use buses and vans for services, which are available seven days a week within the geographic area of the RTA to provide charter service to government officials and qualified human service organizations registered in accordance with 49 CFR 604. The RTA may provide additional charter services if private charter services enter into an agreement with the RTA to provide such services. In 2008 the RTA proposes to provide charter service for the following public events which have historically exceeded the capacity of the local private charter services: Annual Boat Show, Buccaneer Days, Beach to Bay Marathon, Bay Fest, and Earth Day Bay Day.

An opportunity for discussion of the RTA's Community Charter Service Policy and Private Enterprise Participation Policy will be provided on February 21, 2008, Thursday at 2:00 pm at the Training Room of the RTA Administration/Operations Facility located at 5658 Bear Lane, Corpus Christi TX 78405.

The RTA agrees that it, and each of its subrecipients, and third party contractors at any level who use FTA-funded vehicles, may provide charter service using equipment or facilities acquired with Federal assistance authorized under the Federal Transit Laws only in compliance with the regulations set out in 49 CFR 604, the terms and conditions of which are incorporated herein by reference.

Any private charter operator who is willing and able to provide such services should inform the RTA no later than March 21, 2008, Friday to Mr. Lamont Taylor.

The Regional Transportation Authority may provide charter service directly to the customer where a formal agreement has been executed between the RTA and all private charter operators in accordance with this part, provided that:

- a) The agreement specifically allows the RTA to provide the particular type of charter trip;
- b) The RTA has provided for such an agreement in its annual public charter notice published pursuant to this part before undertaking any charter service pursuant to this exception;
- c) If the RTA has received several responses to its annual public charter notice but ceased its review process after determining that one private operator was willing and able, it must, before concluding a formal charter agreement under this section, complete the review process to ensure that all the willing and able private operators are valid parties to the agreement.

The RTA will comply with other provisions of federal regulations as required in 49 CFR 604 and any subsequent amendments.