**RURAL TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (RTAP) UPDATE, 01/10/14**

Effective immediately, we are temporarily suspending RTAP funding to agencies through July 1, 2014 while reassessing statewide training needs and funding available.

In the next 6 months we will be working on getting trainings in place for FY2015, updating program policies and procedures, incorporating the new training mandated by MAP-21, and integrating the RTAP application and reimbursement process into the BlackCat Grant Management System.

We will not provide funding for any in-house trainings or reimburse agencies for RTAP-related expenses between now and July 1, 2014. However we will continue to provide reimbursement for travel-related expenses incurred while attending trainings sponsored by the Alaska Community Transit Office.

Thank you for your patience.