The Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) Community Planning Program offers technical assistance to local governments and intergovernmental organizations to address local planning needs that touch both public transportation and land use. For its 2019 program, the RTA will hold a “meet and greet” on Thursday, June 13, to promote contracting opportunities for Disadvantaged Business Enterprises and other eligible firms.

Through an agreement with the City of Chicago, applicants already approved under the City’s “Planning Now” program are pre-approved for the RTA Community Planning Program. In particular, this includes “Planning Now” contractors already declared eligible by the City in the following categories: 1) Prepare Urban Plans; 2) Evaluate Real Estate, Housing and Economic Development Proposals, and Study Economic Impacts; 3) Assist with Development of Sustainability and Resiliency Plans; 4). Support Special Service Areas; and 5) Support Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Districts.

**OPPORTUNITIES**

Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) are invited to this event at the RTA offices to learn about future subcontracting opportunities related to the RTA Community Planning program. This meeting will include a brief overview of the program and projects, a question and answer session, and networking with the RTA Local Planning and Program Management staff as well as pre-qualified firms and DBEs.

**WHEN:** Thursday, June 13, 2019

**WHERE:** 175 West Jackson Blvd Suite 1650

**TIME** 1:00PM to 3:00 PM

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**PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

Since 1998, the RTA Community Planning Program has encouraged municipalities to develop walkable and more sustainable communities near transit stations and along transit corridors. Projects offered through the program include transit-oriented development plans, transportation corridor plans, zoning code updates, developer discussion panels, neighborhood mobility plans, plans to establish special funding districts, and other innovative approaches. Chosen through a competitive proposal process, projects could include:

1. Village of Cary TOD Plan
2. City of Chicago Department of Transportation 31st Street Little Village Corridor Study
3. City of Crystal Lake and Pingree Road TOD Plan
4. Elevated Chicago-Work plan Implementation Assistance
5. Village of Itasca-Downtown Strategic Action Plan Update
6. Metra-Station Optimization Analysis
7. Pace I-294 Tri-State Market and Facilities Assessment
8. Village of Riverside Zoning Code Update
9. Town of Cicero Zoning Code Update