

North Central Texas Council Of Governments

TO: Sustainable Development Partners

DATE: August 18, 2005

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SUBJECT: Sustainable Development Funding Program

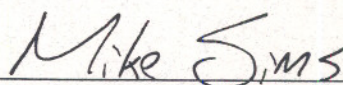
The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) Sustainable Development Funding Program encourages public/private partnerships that positively address existing transportation system capacity, rail access, air quality concerns, and/or mixed land uses.

In October 2001, the RTC awarded over \$40 million to 19 land use projects, a regional rail corridor study, and an outreach campaign that supported alternative transportation choices. Standing by its commitment to promote sustainable development initiatives, the RTC recently allocated another \$40 million to the development of additional sustainable development projects and programs throughout the region.

On October 17, 2005, NCTCOG will issue a letter informing the region of a second Sustainable Development Call for Projects and the formal rules for project selection. All project submittals will be due to the NCTCOG offices by 5 p.m. on January 20, 2006. The attached schedule lists activities for the upcoming Call for Projects. The goal of this letter is to notify local governments of the upcoming Call and to allow potential sustainable development partners an opportunity to begin identifying eligible projects.

Additional information outlining project eligibility requirements as well as the submission and selection processes will be distributed in the following weeks. For more information on this sustainable development funding initiative, please visit www.nctcog.org/trans/landuse/index.html, or contact Alicia Hopkins at (817) 608-2380 or ahopkins@nctcog.org.

Thank you,



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Attachment

cc: 2004-2005 UPWP Element 5.03 Project File

SCHEDULE**2005 Sustainable Development Call for Projects**

Date	Action
August 26, 2005	STTC* - Information Item – Project selection criteria and sustainable development areas of interest
September 8, 2005	RTC** - Information Item – Project selection criteria and sustainable development areas of interest
September 10, 2005	Letter to Sustainable Development Partners containing preliminary Call for Projects information
September 12-13, 2005	NCTCOG Transportation Department Public Meetings
September 16, 2005	Partnership Program Workshop
September 22, 2005	Partnership Program Workshop
September 23, 2005	STTC - Action Item – Project selection criteria and sustainable development areas of interest
October 4, 2005	Partnership Program Workshop
October 13, 2005	RTC - Action Item – Project selection criteria and sustainable development areas of interest
October 17, 2005	Letter to Sustainable Development Partners issuing Call for Projects
October 17 2005 - January 20, 2006	Meet With Project Sponsors
October 17-18, 2005	Sustainable Development Public Meetings
January 20, 2006	Project Proposals Due by 5:00 p.m.
January 20 - February 17, 2006	Review Proposals, Prepare Draft Recommendations
January 25-26, 2006	Sustainable Development Public Meetings
February 24, 2006	STTC - Information Item – Draft Project Recommendations
March 6-7, 2006	NCTCOG Transportation Department Public Meetings
March 9, 2006	RTC - Information Item – Draft Project Recommendations
March 24, 2006	STTC - Action Item – Final Project Recommendations
April 13, 2006	RTC - Action Item – Final Project Recommendations
May 1, 2006	Inclusion in Statewide Funding Document
July 1, 2006	Anticipate Approval of Projects in Statewide Funding Document

* STTC: Surface Transportation Technical Committee

** RTC: Regional Transportation Council