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Good Morning,

As a follow-up to yesterday's vaccine transportation technology procurement webinar, see below for key takeaways and next steps.

Key Takeaways

- NCDOT received nine proposals in response to a Request for Information (RFI) from transportation technology providers. The scope of the RFI included software-as-a-service (SaaS) and technology-as-a-service (TaaS) under an operationalized cost structure.
- Each technology provider that responded to the RFI attended yesterday's webinar to share highlights of their proposal and product offerings. You can view a recording of the webinar here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NTGwOkw8qK4&feature=youtu.be>
- No new funding is available at this time for capital purchase of technology. However, technology with an operationalized cost structure (e.g., per trip cost) is considered an eligible operating expense and is generally eligible for existing federal and state operating funding.
- Transit agencies that are able to justify an emergency need for technology or technology-based transportation services (i.e., SaaS or TaaS) may be able to utilize a sole source procurement.

Next Steps

- If interested in learning more about a specific software or about technology options in general, please reach out to your planner who can connect you to the right resources.
- If interested in moving forward with an emergency justification and sole source technology procurement, you will need to submit two items for review and approval by Chris Dodson, IMD Procurement Specialist (cbdodson@ncdot.gov):
 1. Sole Source Justification Form (attached)
 2. Sole Source Justification Letter which must be specific to your agency and provide a detailed justification for your emergency procurement need. Include statistics about COVID-19 impacts, anticipated demand for vaccine transportation, description of challenges or unmet needs with current software vendor, and any critical areas of concern which your agency believes the new technology will help address.

As an additional resource when exploring solutions to challenges related to the vaccine transportation initiative, we have prepared the attached Solutions and Knowledge Sharing document. This document includes categories of solutions which may address efficiency or capacity challenges. Also included is a knowledge sharing section with best practices and a listing of previously provided guidance.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please reach out to your planner or

to Chris Dodson or me directly.

Thank you,

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