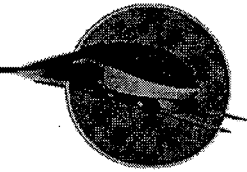


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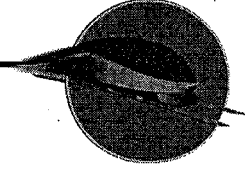
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(2) Name(s) of additional States that will participate in the Proposal activities:				
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(4) Describe the corridor service(s) that is (are) the subject of the Proposal, including corridor name, endpoints, major intermediate cities, and other characteristics (upload a map if applicable):				
(5) Total Estimated Cost of Proposal Activity(s) (Please provide more details in question B.5): \$				

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(6) Proposal Abstract (In 3 - 5 sentences, please describe the proposal):

(7) Which of the following planning activities are requested under this multi-state planning proposal?

Service Development Planning

Service NEPA

Both Service Development Planning and Service NEPA

(8) Describe the service attributes of the Project that is the subject of the proposed planning activity (check all that apply):

Additional Service Frequencies

Improved On-Time performance on Existing Route

New Service

Increased Average Speeds/Shorter Trip Times

Service Quality Improvements

Other (Please Describe):

(9) What are the anticipated start and end dates for this Proposal? (mm/yyyy)

Start Date: End Date:

(10) Multi-State Planning Proposal Overview Narrative: Provide an overview of the planning activities requested under this Proposal, including a brief description of the items listed below. *Please limit response to 4,000 characters.*

- The underlying issue and objective that the planning activity will address
- The planning activities that will be performed under the Proposal
- The schedule for carrying out and completing proposed planning activities

(11) Future Project Overview Narrative: Provide an overview of the main features and characteristics and milestones of the Project that are the subject of the planning study, including a brief description of the items listed below. *Please limit response to 4,000 characters.*

- The location of the Project (upload map if applicable)
- The intercity passenger rail service proposed (if applicable)
- The types of improvements under consideration/evaluation
- Connectivity and integration with other modes
- How the Project supports the States' strategic transportation goals

B. Proposal Details

(1) Potential Transportation and Public Benefits

Please identify:

- The clarity and detail with which the States have identified the problem to be addressed by the proposed service;
- The market potential of the corridor being studied, taking into consideration such factors as population, density, economic activity, and travel patterns;
- The potential for the corridor to deliver high-speed and intercity passenger rail service benefits, including ridership, on-time performance, travel time, service frequencies, safety and other factors;
- The potential of the corridor program to promote economic development, including contributions to a sustainable U.S. manufacturing and supply base;
- The potential of the corridor program to enhance energy efficiency and environmental quality;
- The potential of the corridor program to promote interconnected livable communities, including complementing local or state efforts to concentrate higher-density, mixed-use, development in areas proximate to multi-modal transportation options (including intercity passenger rail stations); and
- The consideration of other transportation modes in the planning process.

(2) Future Program Viability and Sustainability.

Please identify:

- The likelihood that the final deliverables (Service Development Plan, Environmental Document, or State Rail Plan) will be ready and capable of being implemented;
- The demonstrated commitment of the State and other stakeholders to quickly execute the program once planning is complete;
- The degree to which the planning process meaningfully incorporates input from affected communities, local governments, regional councils and planning organizations, neighboring States, railroads, transportation modal partners, environmental interests, the public and other stakeholders – early and throughout the process;
- The likelihood that the corridor programs being studied can yield measurable service and public benefits in a reasonable period of time;
- The demonstrated ability of the States to support the future capital and operating needs of the corridor being studied;
- The thoroughness of the proposed deliverables; and
- The quality of proposed methodology and assumptions.

(3) **Project Management Proposal:** Describe the proposed method for managing the project, including a description of the shared responsibilities between the FRA and the States, and the relationships and means of coordination among the participating States, service operators, and host railroads. This section should detail the mechanism by which States will coordinate their views during the project.

(4) **Justification Statement:** Identify the rationale for Federal leadership on the planning project, such as specific institutional barriers or operational complexities. Conditions that may call for a Federal leadership role include multi-state and multi-jurisdictional complexity and/or operational complexity involving multiple operating entities and/or divided property ownership and rights. Additionally, please address how the proposal could serve as a demonstration project and national model for future FRA-managed, multi-state planning projects.

(5) **Estimated Cost:** Provide an estimate of the total cost for the planning activities being proposed, along with an estimate of how much the State(s) will be contributing to the cost, either in the form of cash, or with FRA approval, in-kind contributions of services, supplies, equipment, or real estate. Note: FRA's expectation is that State(s) will provide a comparable match to the FY 2010 Planning Program, which requires at least a 20% non-Federal match. Please outline how you plan to cover this match amount.

D. Checklist of Proposal Materials

Required Documents	Description	Format
<input type="checkbox"/> Proposal Form	This document to be submitted by email to HSIPR@dot.gov	Form
<input type="checkbox"/> Letter(s) signed by participating states	This document to be submitted by email to HSIPR@dot.gov	None
Optional Supporting Documents	Description	Format
<input type="checkbox"/> Map of proposal area	This document to be submitted by email to HSIPR@dot.gov	None
<input type="checkbox"/> Other supporting documents as identified by applicant	This document to be submitted by email to HSIPR@dot.gov	None

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