

PARTNERING AGREEMENT
between
FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION
and
INTERNATIONAL RIGHT-OF-WAY ASSOCIATION

The **Federal Transit Administration (FTA)** and the **International Right-of-Way Association (IRWA)** wish to promote a learning environment in public real estate training. Joint partnering activities will be centered on providing quality learning and training, assessment of education and training needs, training outreach, and a greater awareness of the training activities. The FTA and IRWA will work together to identify, develop, and provide quality learning and training opportunities that will support the Department of Transportation vision of transportation excellence and innovations and its strategic goals of safety, mobility, and economic growth, human and natural environment, and organizational excellence.

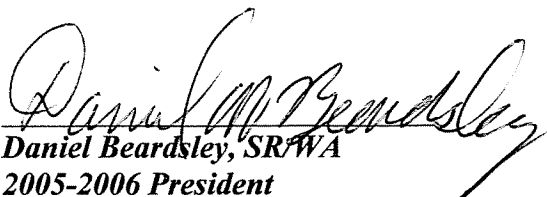
By this agreement, the FTA and IRWA commit themselves to a close working relationship to provide quality training, improve efficiency, and provide recognition for real estate professionals.

To meet these goals and objectives, the FTA and IRWA will:

- Cooperate in efforts to make available right-of-way training opportunities to personnel involved in transit projects receiving Federal financial assistance.
- Cooperate in areas of education and training to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of the overall training and learning environment.
- Encourage professional certification of transit real estate personnel and professional association membership and participation.
- Take part in committees, meetings, education seminars, workshops, and conferences at both the local Chapter and National level, as well as participate in annual meetings as speakers and provide vital presence and interaction at annual meetings and specialty conferences.


Joint activities will be determined on a calendar year basis. Annually, the FTA Real Estate Program Manager and a representative of the IRWA will meet to evaluate training accomplishments of the previous year and to establish priorities for joint training activities in the upcoming year.

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