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Bridging Allegany, Garrett and Washington Counties



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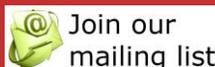
[FY17 MAERDAF Open for Applications until July 15](#)

Dates to Remember

August 30-31, 2016
["Aspire Appalachia Collaborations in Rural Development"](#)
Johnson City, TN

September 26-29, 2016
[TAM Conference & Expo 2016](#)
Ocean City, MD

Thursday, September 29
Tour of EDA and ARC Projects
Washington County, MD



Annual Transportation Excellence Awards
NOMINATIONS OPEN

TAM CONFERENCE & EXPO
SEP 26-29 | OCEAN CITY

Friend of Transportation
Driver of the Year
Outstanding Program
Unsung Employee of the Year
Business Partner of the Year

Nomination Deadline: 08/19
taminc.org/awards/2016

Do you know about an employee whose contributions go above and beyond the call of duty? A driver whose professionalism and service are an example to all? An outstanding transit program that improves community transit in Maryland? A business partner that has helped improve mobility for Maryland?

Nominate them for a TAM Transportation Excellence Award!

Every year at the Annual Conference & Expo (this year in Ocean City!) excellence in Maryland community transit is recognized. Nominations are solicited from Transportation Association of Maryland members to determine who deserves to be honored as making a difference in the past year.

This year, for the first time ever, the entire process of nomination can be completed online! Click the 'Submit your Nomination' link below to begin the nomination process!

[Submit your Nomination!](#)

[Click here](#) for more information on the 2016 Transportation Excellence Awards.

Notice of Funding Availability

FirstEnergy Accepting Applications for STEM-Based Classroom Projects

Educators (pre-K through 12) and youth group leaders are encouraged to apply if their school or group is located in communities served by FirstEnergy's electric operating companies or in a community where the company has a facility.

Youth Running Programs Supported

Road Runners Club of America (RRCA): Kids Run the Nation is dedicated to supporting the growth of grassroots running clubs, training programs, and running events while promoting the common interests of runners throughout the U.S.

[Click here](#) for more information on the 2016 TAM Conference & Expo.

FY 2017 Maryland Agricultural Education and Rural Development Assistance Fund (MAERDAF) Open for Applications!

For FY2017, the Rural Maryland Council is particularly interested in proposals that address the following: Agriculture, Energy, Rural Broadband, Healthcare, Youth Engagement and Workforce/Economic Development. Regardless, the Grant Review Board will give full consideration to any application that is submitted.

Deadline to apply is July 15, 2016.

Please visit the website [here](#) to access instructions and the application.

If you have any questions, please contact 410-841-5772 or rmc.mda@maryland.gov.

