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Expression of Interest  
For  
REGIONAL COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS

This Request for Information is intended to gauge interest and identify service providers in advance of Request for Proposal (RFP) stage of contracting transportation service providers.

The purpose of this RFI is to seek interested vendors in providing transportation service and systems across the region. This information will be shared with our partner counties for their use in finding qualified community transportation service providers.

Our objective is to develop cost effective transportation that can link to larger neighboring systems and to communities within the region thereby creating a strong regional transportation network. The concept from which we began has many challenges that require a clear plan to lay out a pathway for growth of transportation services to assure quality, value and cost effective services to residents. This will require a well-researched, creative plan to establish a sustainable system.

SCOR EDC and its partners hope to identify applicants who demonstrate the desire and expertise to develop a transportation service within the South Central Ontario Region (SCOR) and Southwestern Ontario. Some communities within the region have received funding through the Community Transportation Program. Ideally the service and model will be as sustainable beyond the four year term of the grants. <http://www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/transit/community-transportation-grant.shtml>

Guidelines may be reviewed here:

[https://www.grants.gov.on.ca/prodconsum/groups/grants\\_web\\_contents/documents/grants\\_web\\_contents/prdr017950.pdf](https://www.grants.gov.on.ca/prodconsum/groups/grants_web_contents/documents/grants_web_contents/prdr017950.pdf)

### **Executive Summary**

Within the region (Brant, Elgin, Middlesex, Norfolk and Oxford) and beyond several communities have received funding from the Province of Ontario for the development of Community Transportation. Other communities are investing municipal and private dollars towards this development

Those interested in the potential to provide service to this region should bring forward solutions that can be scalable and creative with a vision for long term transportation needs for the region. Ideally any service and/or system would be able to integrate with many or all of the existing and concurrent systems with the capability to provide seamless travel throughout the region or subsets of the region.

### **Background Information**

SCOR EDC is a not for profit, municipally owned economic development corporation serving the counties of Brant, Bayham, Middlesex, Norfolk and Oxford. The SCOR region is home to approximately

490,000+ residents. Within our geographic borders the population is in excess of 1 million residents. There are a number of smaller urban and rural communities within the region as well. The main purpose is to provide small urban and rural communities in the region with a transportation system that focuses on access to education, employment and health care. There are other transportation markets that may develop over time such as tourism but education, employment and health care are the core priorities at this time.

Service providers should consider the following service components when replying:  
The service providers should indicate whether they will be providing service for the vehicle component, technology component, or both; and the approximate costs for the service they will be providing

**Community Transportation Grant:**

<http://www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/transit/community-transportation-grant.shtml>

Please note: not all funds received through the Community Transportation Grants may be applied to this EOI. The link to the grant amounts and communities listed in this EOI is meant to serve as a rough guide only.

**Deadline:** July 23rd 2019

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<b>Transportation Components</b>	
Feature	Detail
<b>Vehicle Component</b>	
Vehicle	Type and number of passengers carried
	Operators and training for new operators
	Vehicle maintenance and repair
<b>Technology Component</b>	
Ownership of data	Ownership of data Physical hardware required to operate software and system Maintenance required Routing supports and optimization Implementation timeline Training timeline and supports and additional materials required
Rental options	Short term rental or lease options for software/hardware
Additional features	Describe additional costs associated with additional features and what is included in each: -text alerts -vehicle pre-trip inspection -driver navigation -online shop -routes/stops geolocation -distribution of funds between partners
<b>Partnership Features</b>	
Fares	Fare between communities for riders / seamless ride experience
Pricing	Describe how pricing will be determined for different communities (based on ridership, KMs, or population)
Disbursement of Funds	Describe how funds will be disbursed between communities

**Please note:** Some of these services may be required in part by some or all of the municipalities. Please indicate which services you would be interested in providing to help direct and inform our regional community transportation.