

# PSTA MEDIA ALERT

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## PSTA Gets Perfect Score in Federal Audit!

*Who:* Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA)

*What:* Earns a perfect score in Federal Triennial Review

*When:* May 4, 2012

*How:* By demonstrating perfect compliance in more than 300 areas to federal auditors

*Why:* As a Federal Grantee, PSTA is obligated to comply with federal grant guidelines and must undergo a complete audit every three years.

“It’s remarkable. It’s the equivalent of pitching a perfect game in baseball.” That’s how PSTA CEO Brad Miller sums up his agency’s accomplishment of earning a perfect score on its latest draft audit from the Federal Transportation Administration (FTA).



PSTA, like every transit agency that receives federal funding, must undergo a comprehensive FTA audit every three years, known as a Triennial Review. This process ensures that the agency is properly following federal guidelines for the funding it receives, and encompasses more than 300 different areas of compliance in 24 categories. This year, on the first draft of the audit, PSTA earned **a perfect score!**

In a congratulatory message to PSTA staff, Miller said, “In my 19 years of experience at four different transit agencies and through six Triennial Reviews, I’m pretty sure I’ve never heard of a perfect draft audit. There have always been at least a few items noted for follow-up.” Typically, agencies have 30 days to clear up any questionable areas before the draft audit is finalized.

Areas of compliance include nearly every aspect of transit operation such as proper posting of fare information for senior-citizens, compliance with Buy-America and proper drug and alcohol policies. The audit process is quite extensive and required more than a thousand pages of documentation from PSTA. “It’s an outstanding reflection on our entire staff and proof that we’re doing everything possible to be good stewards of taxpayer dollars,” says Miller.

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