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RE: General Counsel's Legal Opinion for the RTA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Program: Implementation Grants General Competition Application (EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07)

Dear Grant Application Review Team:

The Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) was created pursuant to statute and is "a unit of local government, body politic, political subdivision and municipal corporation." See 70 ILCS 3615/1.04 (RTA Act). The RTA is charged with financial oversight, funding, and regional transit planning for the region's transit operators or Service Boards: the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA), Metra, Pace Suburban Bus Service, and Pace Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Paratransit. As a unit of local government, the RTA is accountable to the State of Illinois. For example, the RTA Act requires the RTA to "file a copy of its Annual Budget and Two-Year Financial Plan with the General Assembly and the Governor after its adoption." 70 ILCS 3615/4.01(a). Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

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