**LEADERSHIP FOR EMERGING AND ADVANCING PROFESSIONALS (LEAP)**

**APPLICATION**

WTS Portland’s LEAP program is intended to help further the personal and professional growth of women early in their careers or those that have changed careers recently. Ideal candidates are those who have between 2-5 years of professional experience in transportation-related careers. Applicants must be WTS members in good standing.

Name:

Title/Employer:

Mailing Address:

E-mail:

Daytime Phone: Evenings/Cell Phone:

Please provide **a current resume** and answers to the following questions in a total of 750 words or less:

1. What drew you to a career in transportation?

2. Explain why you feel this is the right time to take this class and make or strengthen your career life plan.

3. What skills, knowledge or behaviors do you think you need to develop in order to grow your career?

4. How will you use this experience to benefit and further your professional and personal life?

5. Describe a professional challenge or roadblock in your career that you are currently facing and what you believe this program offers that will give you insight and a plan to face that challenge.

6. Tell us a little about your challenges relating to finding a comfortable work-life balance. What aspect do you find most difficult, and how do you think the LEAP workshop might help you with this issue?

7. How would you propose using this experience to give back to WTS Portland members?

8. Would you feel comfortable with another woman from your organization attending the training, yes or no?

9. On the evening of October 29th, there will likely be a panel made up of a few local women in the transportation field. Topics covered on the panel may include how they got to where they are in their career, how they manage work/life balance, how they see the industry growing/changing, etc. Is there anyone in particular you would be interested in hearing from?

10. If you would like to be considered for a Leadership Development Scholarships intended for women of color, indigenous women and/or women who speak English as second language in transportation, please describe why this personal and professional development opportunity is important to you and how you plan to engage in the WTS community during your year-long membership. This does not count toward the 1000 word limit and current WTS members cannot apply.

##### ****COVID-19 Vaccination Policy:****

##### Please note that attendance to the 2022 LEAP Training requires attendees to be fully vaccinated and provide proof of vaccination status. Mask guidelines will be dependent upon CDC, state, and local guidelines at the time of the event.

As WTS Portland is making a significant investment in LEAP – WTS Portland, we need the same commitment from WTS members chosen to participate in this program. **If chosen, I commit to attending the two-day LEAP – WTS Portland on Saturday, and Sunday October 29th and 30th, 2022 in Silverton, Oregon.** Hotel accommodations will be provided for the night of October 29th by WTS. Carpool can be coordinated up on request.

Signature Date

Sign (or type), date, andemail the application form and your resume to [portlandwts@gmail.com](mailto:portlandwts@gmail.com) by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, September 6th. She will respond to your email to confirm receipt; please let her know if you do not receive an email receipt. Please reach out to Atousa Gorg, [Atousa.GORG@ODOT.oregon.gov](mailto:Atousa.GORG@ODOT.oregon.gov), WTS Leadership Development Chair, with any questions. We look forward to your application!