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FRA CID Step 1 Grant Stakeholders Meeting
Program Overview

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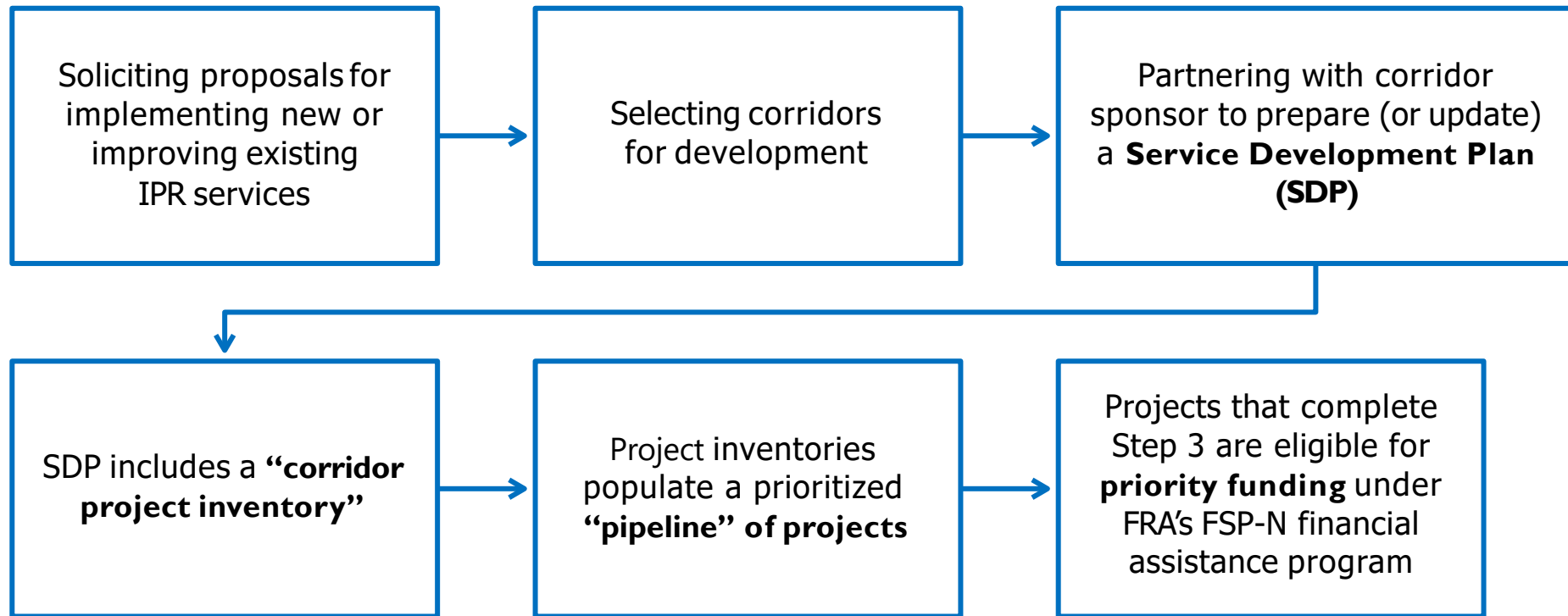
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Corridor ID Program Overview

Corridor ID creates a foundational framework for identifying and developing new or improved intercity passenger rail (IPR) services. Under the program, FRA is:
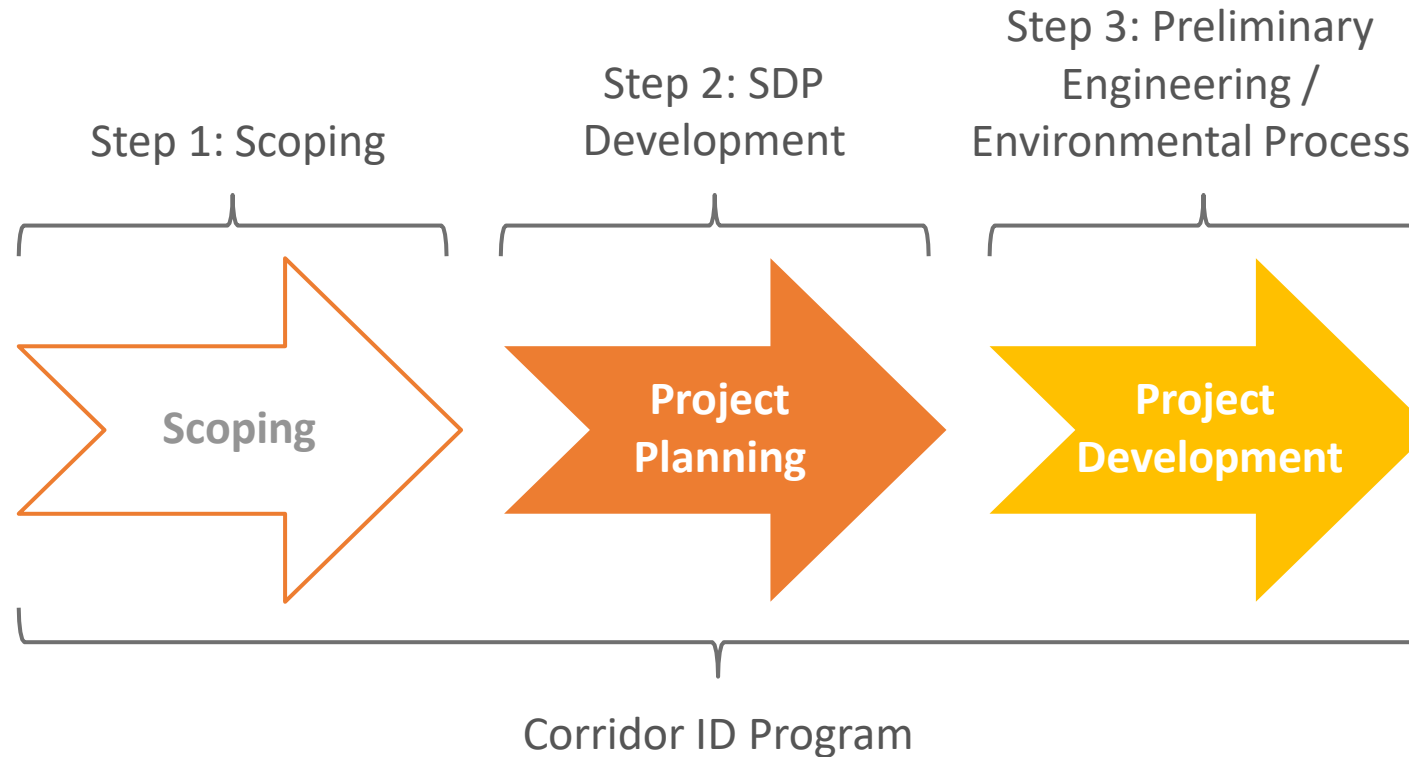
Soliciting proposals for implementing new or improving existing IPR services

→ Selecting corridors for development

→ Partnering with corridor sponsor to prepare (or update) a **Service Development Plan (SDP)**

SDP includes a **"corridor project inventory"**

→ Project inventories populate a prioritized **"pipeline" of projects**

→ Projects that complete Step 3 are eligible for **priority funding** under FRA's FSP-N financial assistance program

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Map Key

— — New High-Speed Rail (7)

– – New Conventional Rail (34) and Extensions (13)

—— Existing Service Improvements (15)

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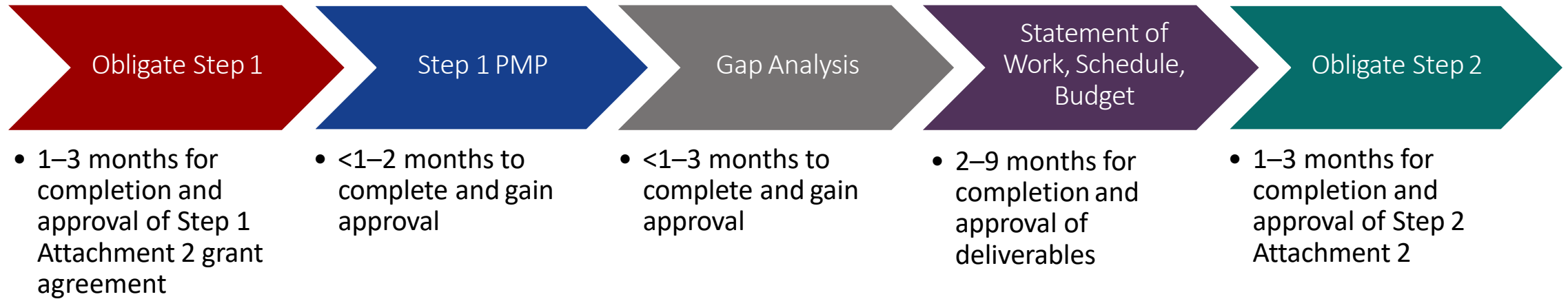**Federal Railroad Administration**

Service Development Plans—Why is the SDP Important?

- **Statutorily Required** – 49 USC 25101(d)

- **Creates a Planning Framework –** Lays groundwork for the next stage of development:
  - Relationship-building
  - Improved project delivery timeframes
  - On-the-ground outcome benefits

- **Demonstrates Feasibility –** Corridor sponsor's strategic plan for improving, expanding, or initiating a corridor, and identifies:
  - An operating plan
  - A capital plan
  - An investment case

- **Organizational Tool –** Develops consistency through standardizing analyses and processes to achieve similar set of outcomes across various corridors

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Step 1 Process + Timeline

> *Corridor ID is Sponsor-driven. FRA will meet the Sponsors where they are.*

We are Here

Obligate Step 1	Step 1 PMP	Gap Analysis	Statement of Work, Schedule, Budget	Obligate Step 2
• 1–3 months for completion and approval of Step 1 Attachment 2 grant agreement	• <1–2 months to complete and gain approval	• <1–3 months to complete and gain approval	• 2–9 months for completion and approval of deliverables	• 1–3 months for completion and approval of Step 2 Attachment 2

Service Development Plan Draft SOW Framework

Task 1: Project Administration	Task 2: Draft P&N & Stakeholder Coordination	Task 3: Alternatives Analysis	Task 4: Transportation Planning	Task 5: Environmental Planning	Task 6: Financial Planning & Economic Evaluation	Task 7: Governance Structure	Task 8: Implementation Phasing	Task 9: Service Development Plan
Project Management Plan	Draft Purpose & Need	Route Options	Data Collection	Public Engagement	Financial Planning	Corridor Governance Report	Phased Implementation Plan	Service Development Plan
Closeout Report	Stakeholder Engagement Plans	Service Options	Operations Analysis	Agency Coordination	Economic Evaluation Analysis			
	Market Analysis	Investments Packages	Ridership and Revenue Forecasting	Environmental Concerns Analysis				
			Station Area and Access Analysis					
			Conceptual Engineering					
			Capital Cost Estimation					
			Labor & Fleet Planning					
			Operating & Maintenance Costing					

3-4 years to complete

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Upcoming Materials

Near-Term:

- Scoping Topics

- Revised SDP Draft SOW Framework
  - Incorporation of Near-Term Service Development Plan subtask (if applicable)
  - Clarifications in O&M and Capital Cost Estimating
  - Restructuring Benefit Cost Analysis to Economic Evaluation
  - Inclusion of Contingency

- Draft Near-Term SDP Annotated Outline and Project Inventory Template

- Draft Service Development Plan Annotated Outline

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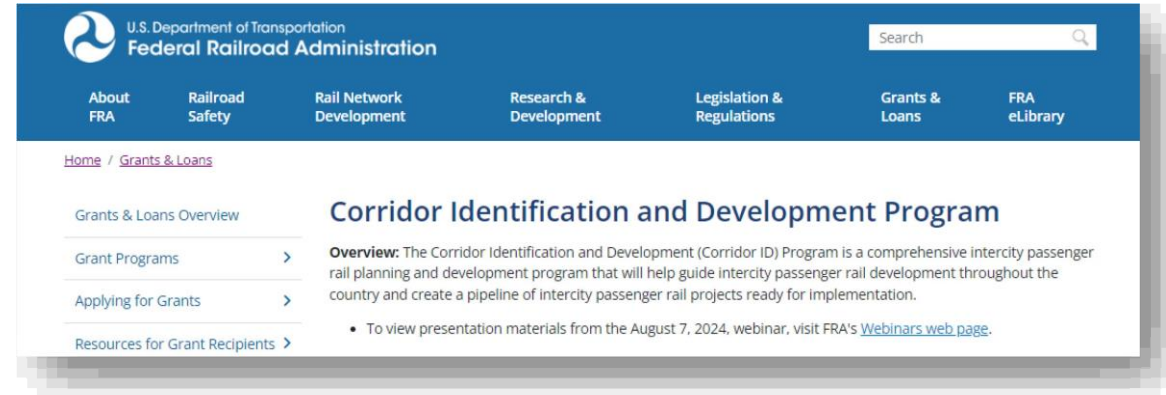
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Long-Term:

- FY 2025 CID Program Annual Report to Congress

- CID Program CY 2025 NOFO

- Standard methodologies

- Additional technical and process-oriented guidance documents

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Report to Congress:

Fiscal Year 2025 Corridor Identification and Development Project Pipeline Report

Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), (Pub. L. 117-58)

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