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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

Fiscal Year 2010 Safety Grants

AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice is to inform the public of FMCSA's Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 safety grant opportunities and award processes for grant programs. The Agency instituted procedural changes in an effort to simplify and streamline its grants application and award processes. The 11 safety programs include the Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP) Basic grants; MCSAP Incentive grants; MCSAP New Entrant Safety Audit grants; MCSAP High

Priority grants; Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV) Operator Safety Training grants; Border Enforcement grants (BEG); Commercial Driver's License Program Improvement (CDLPI) grants; Commercial Driver's License Information System (CDLIS) Modernization grants; Performance and Registration Information Systems Management (PRISM) grants; Safety Data Improvement Program grants (SaDIP); and the Commercial Vehicle Information Systems and Networks (CVISN) grants. Each grant program was provided for in the Agency's most recent authorization, the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU). The purpose of this notice is to provide grantees with information on the Agency's FY 2010 safety grant application deadlines.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Please contact the following FMCSA staff with questions or needed information on the Agency's grant programs:

MCSAP New Entrant Safety Audit Grants—Arthur Williams, arthur.williams@dot.gov, 202-366-3695, Border Enforcement Grants—Carla Vagnini, carla.vagnini@dot.gov, 202-366-3771, MCSAP High Priority Grants—Cim Weiss, cim.weiss@dot.gov, 202-366-0275, CMV Operator Safety Training Grants—Julie Otto, julie.otto@dot.gov, 202-366-0710, CDLPI Grants—Brandon Poarch, brandon.poarch@dot.gov, 202-366-3030, CDLIS Modernization Grants—Brandon Poarch, brandon.poarch@dot.gov, 202-366-3030, SaDIP Grants—Betsy Benkowski, betsy.benkowski@dot.gov, 202-366-4808, PRISM Grants—Tom Lawler, tom.lawler@dot.gov, 202-366-3866, CVISN Grants—Julie Lane, julie.lane@dot.gov, 202-385-2391.

All staff may be reached at FMCSA, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., EST, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Regulatory History

On March 24, 2009, FMCSA published a notice with request for comments in the **Federal Register** (74 FR 12437) regarding the establishment of Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 grant application due dates and other grant program changes.

Background and Purpose

FMCSA recognizes that State governments and other grantees are dependent on its safety grants to

develop and maintain important commercial motor vehicle (CMV) safety programs. FMCSA further acknowledges that delays in awarding grant funds may have an adverse impact on these important safety programs. As a result, FMCSA conducted a grants process review, in an effort to identify ways to streamline the application, award, and grants management processes, and to award grant funds earlier each fiscal year. In addition, FMCSA made changes in the grants application, award and oversight processes to standardize application forms, increase the use of electronic documents, standardize quarterly reports and reduce the number of needed grant amendments.

Discussion of Comments

Five comments were received in the docket. All commenters supported FMCSA's changes, especially any efforts to award funds earlier in the fiscal year. One commenter suggested delaying on the proposed application dates until FY 2011. Another commenter suggested one due date for all grants. Other comments included suggestions beyond the scope of FMCSA's current changes. This information will be considered during future grant program modifications.

FY 2010 Safety Grants Program

First, the schedule for the FY 2010 grant applications is as follows:

MCSAP Basic and Incentive Grants—August 1, 2009.

New Entrant Safety Audit Grants—September 1, 2009.

Border Enforcement Grants—September 15, 2009.

CMV Operator Safety Training Grants—October 1, 2009.

SaDIP Grants—October 2, 2009.

MCSAP High Priority Grants—October 15, 2009.

CDLPI Grants—November 1, 2009.

CDLIS Modernization Grants—November 15, 2009.

PRISM Grants—December 1, 2009.

CVISN Grants—December 1, 2009.

Second, consistent with its contract authority, FMCSA will enter into grant agreements beginning October 1 or as soon thereafter as administratively practicable. FMCSA intends to enter into grant agreements no later than 90 days from the date the application is due but not prior to October 1.

Third, for all grants other than MCSAP Basic and Incentive, FMCSA will use a standard grant application form and a new quarterly reporting process. In its grant announcements on grants.gov, FMCSA will use Standard Form 424 ("Application for Federal Assistance") and its attachments for all of its grant programs. While each grant

program may request different data in some of the data fields on the form, the use of the Standard Form 424 will be mandatory. FMCSA must adopt the Standard Form—Project Progress Report (SF-PPR) as its preferred form for quarterly reporting. Therefore, the SF-PPR would be mandatory for quarterly reporting. However, individual grant programs may require additional SF-PPR attachments. Additional guidance will be provided to grant recipients upon award.

Fourth, FMCSA is increasing the use of electronic documents. As a result, the number of original copies of grant agreements required to be signed by Grantees and submitted to FMCSA is now two. In addition, FMCSA will provide most grant agreement documents electronically to its financial processing office. Grantees are, however, still required to submit the Automated Clearing House (ACH) Vendor Payment Form (SF-3881) directly to FMCSA's financial processing office by U.S. Postal Service, courier service or secure fax.

Application Information for FY 2010 Grants

General information about FMCSA grant programs is available in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance which can be found on the internet at <http://www.cfda.gov>. To apply for funding, applicants must register with grants.gov at <http://www.grants.gov/applicants/get-registered.jsp> and submit an application in accordance with instructions provided for each grant program.

If funds remain available within each grant program, applications filed after the deadline will be considered.

Evaluation Factors: The following evaluation factors will be used in reviewing the applications for all FMCSA discretionary grants:

(1) *Prior performance*—Completion of identified programs and goals per the project plan.

(2) *Effective Use of Prior Grants*—Demonstrated timely use and expensing of available funds.

(3) *Cost Effectiveness*—Applications will be evaluated and prioritized on the expected safety impact relative to the investment of grant funds. Where appropriate, costs per unit will be calculated and compared with national averages to determine effectiveness. In other areas, proposed costs will be compared with historical information to confirm reasonableness.

(4) *Applicability to announced priorities*—If national priorities are included in the grants.gov notice, those proposals that specifically address these

issues will be given priority consideration.

(5) Ability of the applicant to support the strategies and activities in the proposal for the entire project period of performance.

(6) Use of innovative approaches in executing a project plan to address identified safety issues.

(7) Feasibility of overall program coordination and implementation based upon the project plan.

(8) Grant specific evaluation factors as described in the grants.gov application information.

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Associate Administrator for Enforcement and Program Delivery.

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Acting Associate Administrator for Research and Information Technology.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Notice of Intent To Rule on Request To Release Airport Property at the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, Seattle, WA

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of request to release airport property.

SUMMARY: The FAA proposes to rule and invite public comment on the release of land at the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport under the provisions of section 125 of the Wendell H. Ford Aviation Investment Reform Act for the 21st Century (AIR 21).

DATES: Comments must be received on or before August 6, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Comments on this application may be mailed or delivered to the FAA at the following address: Ms. Carol Suomi, Manager, Federal Aviation Administration, Northwest Mountain Region, Airports Division, Seattle Airports District Office, 1601 Lind Ave., SW., Suite 250, Renton, Washington 98057.

In addition, one copy of any comments submitted to the FAA must be mailed or delivered to Mr. Allan Royal, Manager, Port of Seattle Real Estate Development, P.O. Box 68727, Seattle, Washington, 98168.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Roman Pinon, Project Manager, Federal Aviation Administration, Northwest Mountain Region, Airports Division,

Seattle Airports District Office, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Suite 250, Renton, Washington 98057.

The request to release property may be reviewed in person at this same location.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FAA invites public comment on the request to release property at the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport under the provisions of the AIR 21.

On June 17, 2009, the FAA determined that the request to release property at the Seattle Tacoma International Airport submitted by the Port of Seattle, Washington met the procedural requirements of the Federal Aviation Regulations, part 155. The FAA may approve the request, in whole or in part, no later than August 6, 2009.

The following is a brief overview of the request:

The Seattle-Tacoma International Airport requests the release of 495,653 square feet of non-aeronautical airport property to Port of Seattle, Washington. The current property is vacant and has no ability to have an aviation use associated with the land. The purpose of this release is to allow the Port to sell the subject land that no longer serves any aeronautical purpose at the airport to the City of Des Moines, WA for use as a jail site.

Any person may inspect the request by appointment at the FAA office listed above under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

In addition, any person may, inspect the application, notice and other documents germane to the application in person at the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, 17801 International Blvd., Seattle, Washington, 98188.

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Carol Suomi,

Manager, Seattle Airports District Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

In accordance with Part 211 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), notice is hereby given that the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) received a request for a waiver of compliance with certain requirements of its safety standards. The individual petition is described below, including the party seeking relief, the regulatory provisions involved, the nature of the relief being