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2016 - Year of the Partnerships

“We can never forget that we can’t effectively deliver our programs without our State partners and what they contribute.”

“...To accomplish these principles we will be engaging stakeholders on non-regulatory initiatives such as the driver health initiative, using non-FACA working groups where allowed such as working with the Departments of Labor, Veterans Affairs, and Defense on veterans’ CDL issues, and taking more at advantage of negotiated rulemakings.”

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Entry Level Driver Training (ELDT)

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  - proposes a Class A CDL core curriculum; a Class B CDL core curriculum; three specific endorsement training curricula: hazardous materials (H), passenger bus (P), and school bus (S); and a “refresher” training curriculum.

- AAMVA represented on Entry-Level Driver Training Advisory Committee (ELDTAC);

- Minimal training requirements for CLP/CDL a hybrid approach that combines a required minimum number of BTW hours (range and public road) with a prescribed theory curriculum;

- Military Skills Test Waiver still applies / training waived; and

- FMCSA Training Provider Registry (TPR), an online portal.
Employer Notification System (ENS)

- Existing AAMVA report
- Recent AAMVA Working Group
- 11 States with current ENS
  - All different
  - Individual revenue streams
- National exchange of information
  - Carriers with multi-drivers in multi-States
  - Centralized / variable HR departments for different carriers
- Common data exchange
- Equitable revenue plan
Military Transitional Provisions

- Skills Test Waiver Extension - §5401
- Domicile/Residency Waiver - §5401
  - State Option
  - Similar process as Out-of-State Skills Test data transfer
- Under 21 CDL Pilot - §5404
  - Military Experience to Civilian CDL
  - Scientific study based
  - Army / USMC / Air Force
  - Carrier participation
Current Initiatives

- Grants - §5104
- Skills Test Delays - §5506
- National Medical Registry II
- Government Partnerships – Workforce Development
  - Military / women / transportation industry
  - DOT / DOL / DOD
HazMat Endorsement Exemption §7208

- The Secretary shall allow a State, at the discretion of the State, to waive the requirement for a holder of a Class A commercial driver’s license to obtain a hazardous materials endorsement under holder—
  - (1) is acting within the scope of the license holder’s employment as an employee of a custom harvester operation, agri-chemical business, farm retail outlet and supplier, or livestock feeder; and
  - (2) is operating a service vehicle that is—
    - (A) transporting diesel in a quantity of 3,785 liters (1,000 gallons) or less; and
    - (B) clearly marked with a “flammable” or “combustible” placard, as appropriate.

*A provision of the FAST Act, discretionary until FMCSA publishes a final rule.*
Outstanding Issues

- Hearing Impaired Skills Testing
- Test Maintenance sub-Committee (TMS) & FMCSA
- Interpretations - scrubbing
  - Regulations
  - Q&As
- Federal/State Partnership Working Group
- Skills Test - administration issues