Opportunity to Establish a Cooperative Agreement Between VDOT and the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

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Overview

- Background
- Purpose and Scope
- Details of Agreement
- Role of the Research Council

Background

- FMCSA focused on improved commercial motor-vehicle safety
- Strong research and technology program
- Collaboration with state DOTs and university partners has been effective approach
- Cooperative agreement recognizes VDOT's strong research program and capability to engage state university partners
- Benefit: Virginia will be viewed as leader in promoting commercial motor-vehicle safety

Cooperative Agreement

Purpose and Scope:

- Advanced intelligent vehicle safety technologies
- On-board safety technologies
- Better data to improve occupant protection and vehicle safety
- New knowledge about automobile and truck compatibility
- Better carrier safety and inspection compliance
- Better performance practices for shippers and drivers
- Enhanced commercial vehicle information systems

The Agreement

- Maximum $2 million annually for 5 years
- 100 percent federal funds – no match
- Task orders issued annually

Research Council Role

- Lead response to task orders
- Select suitable research groups or conduct work in-house or cooperatively
- Manage and monitor progress and deliverables

Conclusion

- A resolution will be offered for action by the CTB to approve VDOT to move forward with executing the Cooperative Agreement
- Timing is important because FMCSA wants to execute the agreement before the end of the federal fiscal year on September 30