DOT Safety, Compliance and Education Outreach Training for Small Fleets and Other Hauling Firms Certified as Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs)



PROJECT GOALS

- (1) to ensure compliance,
- (2) to promote economic opportunity,
- (3) to improve overall safety on our nation's highways; and
- (4) to increase competitiveness among as small and disadvantaged businesses.



PURPOSE

- The purpose of this project is to provide a 1 to 2 day DOT Safety Compliance and Education training for small and disadvantaged firms owning and operating trucks and commercial motor vehicles.
- Collaborative initiative under the State Department of Transportation Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) supportive services program as appropriate.
- Training in partnership with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), State Trucking Association (STA), State Driver Licensing Administration (SDLA) and State MCSAP Law Enforcement Agency.



WHY DO THIS?

- The U.S. Department of Transportation's current FY 2018-2022
 Strategic Plan encourages its modal administrations to expand opportunities for all businesses, including small, women owned and disadvantaged businesses to serve the economic interest of the United States.
- Support USDOT in meeting its mission of ensuring economic stability and contribute to ensuring safe, efficient and convenient transportation making it possible for small businesses and entrepreneurs to have fair and greater opportunities.
- DBE businesses and other small motor carrier businesses will be in a better position to obtain and maintain contracts, operate and share the roads safely and promote economic prosperity in the state.



TRAINING CONTENT

- Organization Introductions A Brief Overview
- Emerging Issues in Transportation Briefing
- Motor Carrier Safety Compliance Overview
- CMV Inspections, Licensing, Size and Weight Overview
- Highway Contracts, Process and Procedure Overview
- State DOT Maintenance and Repair Program
- Wage and Hour Requirements Overview
- Risk Management and Insurance Requirement Overview
- Business Finance and Budgeting The Basics



BENEFITS

- Provide a platform to expand our network with industry owners and operators with whom we have limited contact
- Provide a comfortable environment conducive for traditional and non-traditional partners to interact, collaborate, strengthen communications, build trust and establish networks for sharing information
- Provide a forum for an opportunity to advance transportation safety as it involves large trucks on our nation's roadways and around other vehicles



WHAT'S HAPPENED SO FAR

- Project Plan developed and presented to FMCSA senior leadership
- Six training workshops held in Virginia beginning April 26, 2018