



Memorandum

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Transportation

Office of the Secretary
of Transportation
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Subject: **INFORMATION:** Audit Announcement— Audit of the Amount and Use of Revenue Derived From the Commercial Driver's License Information System
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To: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administrator

The Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) requires a comprehensive revamping of the Commercial Driver's License Information System (CDLIS). CDLIS is the repository for over 10 million records of commercial drivers and is used by each state department of motor vehicles to track commercial driver's license holders. The American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA) operates CDLIS under an agreement with the Department of Transportation (DOT). AAMVA, a nonprofit entity, is comprised primarily of motor vehicle and law enforcement administrators from the United States and Canada and other governmental entities.

SAFETEA-LU also requires a baseline audit of the CDLIS addressing five areas: (1) the validity of data in the information system on a state-by-state basis; (2) the extent to which convictions are validly posted on a driver's record; (3) recommendations to the Secretary on how to update the baseline audit annually to ensure that any shortcomings in the information system are addressed, and a methodology for conducting the update; (4) the identification, on a state-by-state basis, of any actions that the Inspector General finds necessary to improve the integrity of data collected by the system and to ensure the proper posting of convictions; and (5) an analysis of amounts and use of the revenues derived from fees charged for use of the commercial driver's information system.

This audit will focus on the final area. The audit's specific objectives are to: (1) determine the total amount of revenue derived by the current operator of the CDLIS from the fees charged for use of the system, and the CDLIS-related expenses incurred by the current operator of the system; (2) compare the total expenses to revenue received; and (3) determine how revenues and fees should be addressed under the new modernization plan. The audit work for these objectives will not require access to or collection of any personally identifiable information that the CDLIS maintains. We will address the remaining four areas for the baseline audit at a later time.

We will conduct audit work at Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration Headquarters, AAMVA, and other locations to be determined. We plan to begin this audit immediately. Joe Com  is the Program Director and Paulette Heggins-Carter is the Project Manager for this audit. If you have questions or require additional information, please contact me at (202) 366-5630, or Joe Com  at (202) 366-0377.

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cc: National Highway Traffic Safety Administrator