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Subject: Update on FMCSA grant program from OMG

Attachments: 2004 Grants CDL Funding.pdf

Attachmt A--Grant Proposals.pdf

Attachment B--Two Forms.pdf

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Hi Marcia and Jimmy,

Hope all is well with both of you! You may already have received these documents from FMCSA announcing the availability of CDL Program Improvement grant money, but I thought I would also forward them to you. I thought since you were interested in replacing your aging driver testing system, you might want to put in a grant request for funding.

We found out from Bob Redmond at FMCSA that \$12 million has already been released to fund the 2004 grant program and is available, with the remainder of a total of \$22 million to be released in the near future. Grant proposals are due by June 18<sup>th</sup> to FMCSA division offices. These will be reviewed and forwarded to the State Programs Office with recommendation by July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Here is an interesting new feature of the grant program.... In the past the funding formula for these grants has been 80 federal/ 20 state. However, in this round of grants FMCSA will fund approved proposals at 100%. According to the people we've talked with, these funds could also be used to implement electronic fingerprinting for hazmat endorsements and/or purchase of a scheduling system. We have several of our states that have implemented our testing system using grant money from this program, and are submitting requests this time around for more funding.

Let me know if I can help with anything.... Hope to see you at the upcoming AAMVA summer social scene.

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