

## **Truck Leasing Task Force (TLTF)**

### **Task 23-2: Common Truck Leasing Agreements Available to Drivers of Commercial Motor Vehicles and the Existence of Inequitable Leasing Agreements and Terms in the Motor Carrier Industry**

#### **I. Task Title**

Examine common trucking leasing agreements available to commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers and the existence of inequitable leasing agreements and terms in the motor carrier industry, developing discussion notes that will be compiled into a comprehensive report. This task focuses on leasing agreements and terms that adversely impact owner-operators and small trucking companies subject to such agreements.

#### **II. Background**

Created under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) in accordance with section 23009 of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) (Pub. L. 117-58), TLTF will examine the terms, conditions, and equitability of common truck leasing arrangements, particularly as they impact owner-operators and trucking businesses subject to such agreements and submit a report on the task force's identified issues and conclusions regarding truck leasing arrangements, including recommended best practices, to the Secretary of Transportation, the Secretary of Labor, and the appropriate committees of Congress.

#### **III. Task**

For Task 23-2, FMCSA asks TLTF to review and share common truck leasing agreements and discuss ways some providers of such agreements create inequity through inappropriate terms or conditions. The discussion notes will be incorporated into TLTF's final report, to be submitted by November 16, 2024, making recommendations to deter the inclusion of these inequitable terms and conditions. As with every task, TLTF should identify any organizations or experts they believe could provide presentations or briefings to help the task force complete its work.

#### **IV. Estimated Completion of Task**

FMCSA asks TLTF to deliberate on this task at its October 17, 2023 meeting, allowing for continued discussion at subsequent meetings. The results of this and other tasks will be compiled and submitted to FMCSA's Administrator as recommendations in a comprehensive letter report addressing BIL requirements. FMCSA will review this final, comprehensive report and submit it to the Secretaries of Transportation and Labor and the appropriate congressional committees, respectively.

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