**Commercial Driver’s License Program Implementation (CDLPI) Grant Toolkit Materials**

***Talking Points***

**General Talking Points**

* We are proud to be a recipient of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration’s (FMCSA) Commercial Driver’s License Program Implementation (CDLPI) Grant for fiscal year (FY) 2024.
* This grant will help us improve the process to obtain a commercial driver’s license (CDL) and be an active partner in improving FMCSA’s National CDL Program.
  + It also helps us improve road safety by ensuring only qualified drivers can receive and retain a CDL to operate large trucks and buses on our roadways.
* The grant aligns with the U.S. Department of Transportation’s National Roadway Safety Strategy to achieve the goal of zero fatalities on our roadways.
  + The number of fatalities on our nation’s roadways involving commercial motor vehicles decreased by an estimated eight percent from 2022 to 2023.
  + Increased funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law will help us continue to move the needle in the right direction.
* The grant also highlights the Biden-Harris Administration’s continued commitment to its Trucking Action Plan, helping expedite and streamline CDL processes.
  + Across the country, these grants will fund projects that streamline and improve CDL processes
* This year, FMCSA awarded nearly $150 million in grant funding.
* We are excited to receive (insert amount) in grant funding. This funding will help us (insert details about project).

**CDLPI Grant Background Info**

* The Commercial Driver’s License Program Implementation (CDLPI) Grant is an annual discretionary grant from FMCSA. It seeks to improve highway safety by supporting CDL programs on a state and national level.
* State Driver Licensing Agencies (SDLAs) apply for grant projects to increase or maintain their jurisdiction’s compliance with national CDL regulations.
  + Other types of entities may also apply for grant projects that will have a nationwide impact on improving the National CDL Program.
* The program focuses on maintaining the concept that each driver has only one driving record and only one licensing document, commonly referred to as “One Driver. One License. One Record.”
  + It also ensures quality electronic exchange of data between jurisdictions.
* States are required to conduct knowledge and skills testing before issuing a commercial learner’s permit (CLP) or CDL, maintain a complete and accurate driver history record for anyone who obtains a CLP and/or CDL, and to impose driver disqualifications as appropriate.
  + Grants can be used to support and improve any of these state processes.
* Grants can also be used to develop human trafficking outreach and education materials for CDL drivers.
* The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, signed into law in November 2021, provides a once-in-a-generation investment in our nation’s infrastructure.