



U.S. Department of Transportation  
**Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration**

# FMCSA Modernization: Unified Registration System (URS)

2015 Transportation Research Board 94<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting  
Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration  
Analysis, Research, and Technology Forum  
January 13, 2015



+

Office of Research and Information Technology

+



# Unified Registration System (URS) Overview

---

- What is URS?
- Why did FMCSA undertake the URS rulemaking?
- Who is required to comply with this rule?

# URS Benefits

- Raising the bar for safety.
- Reduced paperwork.
- Simplified processes.
- A single online registration system.
- Improved accountability.
- Improved data quality of FMCSA systems.



# URS Timeline

November 1, 2013

- New and enhanced enforcement penalties for failing to complete Biennial Update requirement.  
[49 CFR 390.19(b)(2) and (4)]
- Prohibition of interstate transportation with an inactive USDOT Number or no USDOT Number.  
[49 CFR 392.9b(a)]

October 23, 2015

- Electronic filing only by online MCSA-1 form.
- All entities must update their information within 30 days of change.
- Insurance filing for exempt for-hire and private HM.
- All new applicants are subject to the registration fee.

April 25, 2016

- Process agent filing for private and exempt for-hire carriers.

# URS Timeline, continued — IT Milestones

2013

- IT Development Project Planning
- Functional Requirements
- System Architecture and Design
- USDOT Number deactivation functionality

2014

- MCSA-1 Online Wizard Development
- Enterprise Database Development
- Data Migration
- Integration of Existing Systems
- System Development Testing

2015

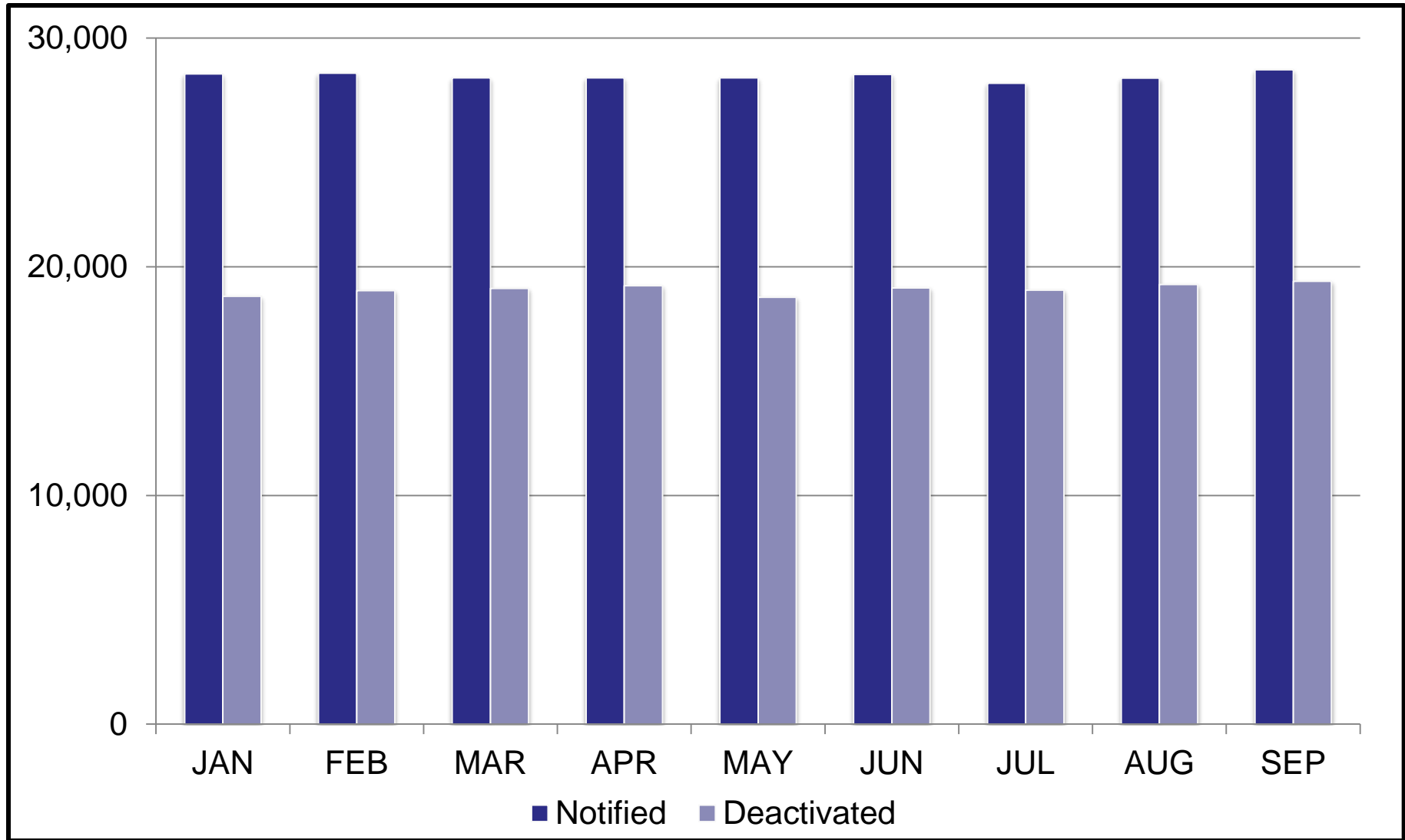
- Rollout/ Implementation Planning
- End User Testing
- Ramp-Up Activities to Support Deployment Launch: October 23, 2015

# URS Outreach Efforts

- Notification and warning letters.
- Reminder e-mails.
- Information sharing with States and motor carrier associations.
- Social media.
- Satellite radio interviews.
- Outreach materials.
- Webinars.



# FMCSA Deactivated 149,907 USDOT Numbers (March–November, 2014)



# URS Summary

- August 23, 2013: URS Regulation published.
- November 1, 2013:
  - New and enhanced enforcement penalties for failing to complete the Biennial Update requirement.
  - Prohibition of interstate transportation with an inactive USDOT Number or no USDOT Number.
- October 23, 2015:
  - URS is operational.
  - Electronic applications only—paper forms no longer accepted.
  - All applicants will be subject to a \$300 USDOT Number registration fee per application.



# Contact Information

**Jeff Loftus**

**Chief, Technology Division and URS Team Lead  
Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
Washington, DC 20590**

**[Jeff.loftus@dot.gov](mailto:Jeff.loftus@dot.gov)**

**202-385-2363**

