**Motor Carrier Safety Advisory Committee (MCSAC)**

**Task Statement 12-03**

**I. Task Title**

Evaluation of and Recommendations on the Compliance, Safety, Accountability (CSA) Program

**II. Background**

Throughout the process of developing and implementing CSA as the Agency's new enforcement and compliance program, FMCSA has responded to the concerns of our stakeholders and actively sought comments and input from all interested parties. Given the Agency’s commitment to continual improvement and transparency, FMCSA meets regularly with our stakeholders to discuss their concerns. We continue to receive feedback and ideas for enhancements of both the Safety Measurement System (SMS) and the program as a whole.

The Agency looks to the MCSAC for input and to provide various perspectives from its membership from the safety advocacy, safety enforcement, labor, and industry communities. Therefore, the Agency requests that the MCSAC form a subcommittee of its members, to include other relevant organizations and interested parties as appropriate, to provide feedback, and suggestions on the CSA Program and how it could be more effective as a tool for identifying unsafe motor carriers. The subcommittee will meet at the regularly scheduled MCSAC meetings and separately, via conference call or in person, as necessary, to collect data and formulate its recommendations on this program. The subcommittee will establish its own meeting schedule and timeline for achieving these objectives, subject to Agency approval.

The Agency requests the subcommittee to accomplish the following objectives in its deliberations:

1. Identify and make recommendations for enhancements of the CSA program. These topics should include but not be limited to SMS and the interventions/investigative processes.
2. Prioritize recommended enhancements of CSA to enable the Agency to direct its efforts to the most important or timely needs of the program.

**III. Task**

The subcommittee will provide an ongoing series of letter reports to the Agency presenting prioritized recommendations the Agency should pursue, with supporting data, to improve the CSA Program.

In preparing its letter reports to the Agency, the Committee should, wherever possible, indicate whether the ideas or concepts identified are supported by research and data analyses. The MCSAC meetings are open to the general public and the Committee should consider any ideas, information, and concepts identified by individuals making remarks during the meeting’s public comment period.

**IV. Estimated Time to Complete Task**

The MCSAC should begin to establish the subcommittee following its August 2012 meeting and should develop a timeline for meeting milestones and objectives and submitting recommendations to the Administrator. FMCSA would like the first letter report following the December 2012 meeting of the full MCSAC committee. The Agency has not established a deadline for this task to ensure the committee has flexibility in prioritizing topics for discussion and deliberations, with recommendations in those areas submitted to the Administrator periodically as the work is completed.

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