



Evaluating the Potential Safety Impact of Advanced Crash Avoidance Technologies

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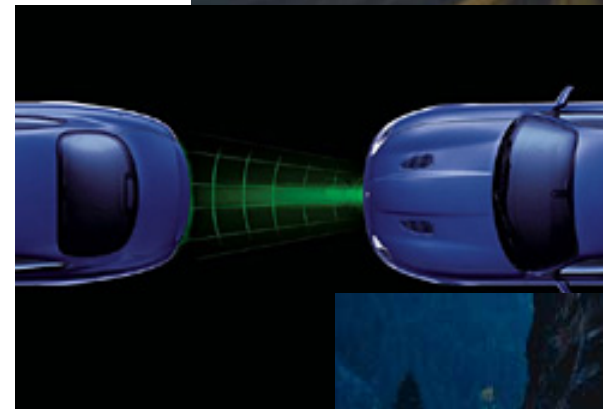
- **Determine the potential safety impact of selected new and emerging technologies**
- **This information may be used to inform consumers about:**
 - What advanced safety features vehicles have that help them avoid a crash, reduce their severity when it occurs and protect the occupant?
 - In what situations do these systems work?
 - How effective are they in meeting the objectives?
- **Role of NHTSA in facilitating deployment**
 - Ensuring that there are suitable specifications for safety technologies
 - Developing test procedures to discriminate full system performance
 - Estimating safety benefits
 - Using consumer information for facilitating deployment
 - Addressing human/machine interface issues

Background

- **European Commission Intelligent Car Initiative**
- **Industry/supplier meetings over the last 2 years**
- **Public statements by NHTSA Regarding Advanced Technologies**
- **Program plan**
- **Request for information & expression of interest - July 2005**

Emerging Technologies

- **Electronic Stability Control**
- **Adaptive Cruise Control**
- **Night Vision Systems**
- **Curve Speed Warning**
- **Lane Departure Warning**
- **Alcohol Monitoring**
- **Brake Assist Systems**
- **Pre-crash sensing**



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- **Cooperative Agreements**
- **Allow for Multiple Awards If Funding Permits**
- **Seek 50/50 Cost Share**
- **Allows the Applicant to Specify the Countermeasures**
- **Include Crash Mitigation Technologies**
- **Limit to Light Vehicles**
- **Protect Applicant's Proprietary Data and Information BUT the Resulting Methodologies, Test Procedures, and Test Data Must Be Available for Public Release**

ACAT PROGRAM PLAN

Task 1 - Safety Impact Methodology

Task 2 - Safety Area to be Addressed and Advanced Technology

Task 3 - Develop Objective Tests for Predicting Safety Benefits

Task 4 - Conduct Objective Tests

Task 5 - Develop Safety Benefits Utilizing the Safety Impact Methodology