



FY 2012 Commercial Vehicle Information Systems and Networks (CVISN) Deployment Grant Program

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CVISN Grant Program Overview

- A discretionary, competitive program offering reimbursable grants
- Funding—up to \$25 million
- Amount of matching funds required is 50 percent of total project cost
- Match can be either cash or in-kind (see 49 CFR Part 18.24)
- Deadline for submission is December 5, 2011; applications submitted after that date will be considered on a case-by-case basis, subject to funds availability
- Funds will be awarded within 90 days of the submission deadline, or as soon thereafter as administratively practicable, subject to funds availability

CVISN Grant Program Overview (cont'd)

As provided for in Section 4126(g)(1) of Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), CVISN funds enable States to:

- Improve the safety of commercial motor vehicle operations;
- Increase the efficiency of regulatory inspection processes to reduce administrative burdens by advancing technology to facilitate inspections and increase the effectiveness of enforcement efforts;
- Advance electronic processing of registration information, driver licensing information, fuel tax information, inspection and crash data, and other safety information;
- Enhance the safe passage of commercial motor vehicles across the United States and across international borders; and
- Promote the communication of information among the States and encourage multistate cooperation and corridor development.

Recap of FY 2011 CVISN Grant Program

FY 2011 CVISN GRANT AWARDS

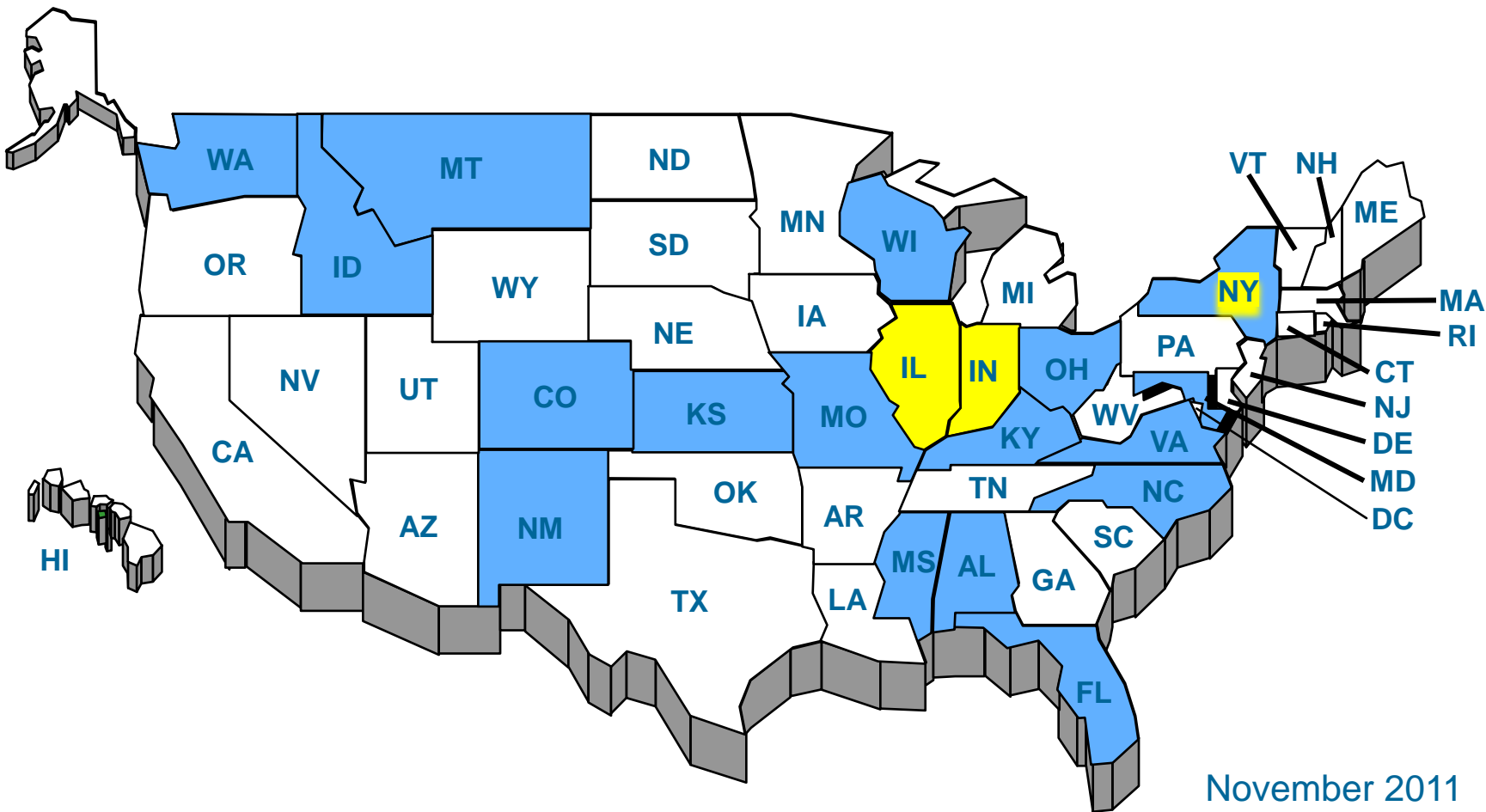
- Applications—20
 - 3 Core
 - 17 Expanded
- Core—\$2,243,467
- Expanded—\$14,766,897
- Total—\$17,010,364

FY 2011 CVISN Core/Expanded Funding Projects

<i>Column1</i>	<i>Column2</i>
PROGRAM AREA	Number of projects
Core Projects	3
Expanded CVISN Electronic Credentialing	12
Expanded CVISN Electronic Screening	21
Safety Information Exchange	8
Ongoing CVISN Program Support	25
Total Projects for FY 2011	69

FY 2011 Federal CVISN Funding Program Results

- FY 2011 Funding for Core CVISN Projects (3 States)
- FY 2011 Funding for Expanded CVISN Projects (17 States)



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FY 2012 CVISN Grant Program Announcement

Announcement (FM-CVN-12-001)

- Federal Register Notice, Vol. 76, No. 156, published August 12, 2011 ([notice of Fiscal Year 2012 Safety Grants and Solicitation for Applications](#))
- Grants.gov www.grants.gov
- Search by Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number
- Self-select for notification by the system
- Registering in Grants.gov
- Allow at least 2 weeks to complete the registration process

FY 2012 CVISN Grant Opportunity

- FMCSA anticipates that \$25M in Federal Funds will be available for distribution in FY 2012:
 - Up to \$2.5M maximum aggregate for Core CVISN deployment over the life of the program
 - Up to \$1M annually for Expanded CVISN deployment
 - Up to \$100K available to develop or update an Expanded/Core Program Plan and Top Level Design (PP/TLD)
- 50-50 match required

Commercial Vehicle Information Exchange Window (CVIEW)

- CVIEW is the means by which States can share commercial vehicle credential and safety information with other jurisdictions
- States must include approach to ensure data quality for uploads from their CVIEWs to the Safety and Fitness Electronic Records (SAFER)

FY 2012 CVISN Grant Application Package

APPLICATION PACKAGE (Standard Forms)

- SF-424, Standard Application for Federal Assistance
- SF-424a, Budget Information for Non-Construction Programs
- SF-424b, Assurances for Non-Construction Programs
- Key Contacts form
- SF-GG, Grants.gov Lobbying form
- SF-LLL, Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (if applicable)
- Attachment form, used to submit required additional information
- Program Narrative
- Narrative line-item budget
- FMCSA Administrative Capability Questionnaire
- Approved letter for indirect cost rate from cognizant Federal agency, if included in the budget

APPLICATION PACKAGE (Recommended Forms)

- FY 2012 CVISN Project Plan template for Core deployment projects
- FY 2012 CVISN Project Plan template for Expanded deployment projects

FY 2012 CVISN Grant Project Plan Guidance

PP/TLD Requirements

- If the State's PP/TLD Design is current and approved
 - Refer to appropriate sections of the PP/TLD, *rather* than copy that information into the System Design section
 - Please submit it with the grant application

Frequently Omitted Information

- Date of signed MOU between key agencies that is currently in effect
- Milestones that reflect key tasks and expenditures associated with each project
- Description of approach to gathering stakeholder input, including identification of milestones

Consistency Checks

- **Check** for consistency in these areas:
 - Dates in one section of the grant should match dates in other sections
 - System Design Diagram and the Network Diagram should show the same system names and interfaces
 - Procurement items should include hardware, software, and consulting services to be purchased with grant funds, as appropriate for each project

System Design Required Information

- Address the following ***critical areas*** in the System Design section or the referenced PP/TLD:
 - What the proposed project would accomplish in terms of deploying system(s) and interfaces?
 - Is there sufficient operational scenario information to explain how the system(s) will operate from the user's perspective?

Revised Financial Tables: Cost Summary for FY 2012 CVISN Projects

FY 2010 CVISN Project Title	Anticipated Total Project Cost (all years and all sources)	FY 2010 CVISN Grant Request
Project 1 title	\$	\$
Project 2 title	\$	\$
<i>(add more rows as needed)</i>	\$	\$
Total CVISN Cost	\$	
Total FY 2012 CVISN Grant Request		\$

Revised Financial Tables: Matching Funds for FY2012 CVISN Projects

FY 2012 CVISN Project Title Projects/Expenditures Contributing Direct Matching Funds	Non-Federal Funding Source (i.e., State operating fund, Named Agency development fund)	Type of Funds (cash, equipment or facilities, personnel services)	Timeframe (include month and year)	Direct Match Amount
Project 1 title	Source A			\$
	Source B			\$
<i>(add more rows as needed)</i>				
Project 2 title	Source A			\$
	Source B			\$
<i>(add more rows as needed)</i>				
Projects/Expenditures Contributing Indirect Matching Funds	Non-Federal Funding Source	Type of Funds	Timeframe	Indirect Match Amount
<i>EXPENDITURE CONTRIBUTING INDIRECT MATCH</i>				\$
<i>(add more rows as needed)</i>				\$
Total Matching Funds				\$

Revised Financial Tables: Federal Funding of FY2012 CVISN Projects

FY 2012 CVISN Project Title	Federal Funding Source (Grant program & year)	CVISN Funds	Other Federal Funds Used for CVISN Project	Total Federal Funds
Project 1 title		\$	\$	\$
		\$	\$	\$
		\$	\$	\$
Project 2 title		\$	\$	\$
		\$	\$	\$
		\$	\$	\$
<i>(add more rows as needed)</i>		\$	\$	\$
Total		\$	\$	\$

FY 2012 CVISN Grant Project Ideas

FY 2012 Core/Expanded Project Ideas

- Safety Information Exchange
 - Improve or Implement CVIEW
 - Expand access to CVIEW data
 - Implement data quality strategy and monitoring tools for uploads from CVIEW to SAFER
 - Improve sharing of information about commercial drivers
 - Provide single sign-on for enforcement to access CVIEW and Criminal Justice System via CVIEW

FY 2012 Core/Expanded Project Ideas (cont'd)

- Electronic Screening
 - Deployment, Enhancements (more data, more technology), or Expansion (additional sites)
 - Virtual Weigh Stations
 - Mobile Inspection Station
 - Communications

FY 2012 Core/Expanded Project Ideas (cont'd)

- Electronic Credentialing
 - More credentials, better interface for carriers, streamlined verification, e-payment
 - Automate processing of IRP and IFTA credentials
 - Heavy Vehicle Use Tax Electronic Interface
 - Oversize/Overweight Permitting
 - Bridge Analysis
 - Routing
 - Two-State
 - HazMat Data Collection System

FY 2012 CVISN Grant Eligible Expenses

FY 2012 CVISN Grant Program—Eligible Expenses

States eligible to receive a FY 2012 CVISN Grant may use grant funds to:

- Support CVISN Program Management
 - Staff salaries
 - Support services
- Pay for ongoing CVISN-related Operations and Maintenance (O&M) expenses
 - System maintenance costs
 - System license fees
- Pay for CVISN-related memberships and fees
 - Electronic screening program fees
 - Clearinghouse fees

Core Deployment States also may use CVISN Grants to :

- Update your Core CVISN Program Plan and Top-Level Design. Up to \$100,000 may be used for this activity
- Deploy Core CVISN functionality—in accordance with your FMCSA-approved Program Plan and Top-Level Design

Core Compliant States may use CVISN Grants to:

- Augment and maintain Core CVISN functionality
- Develop an Expanded CVISN Program Plan/Top-Level Design (up to \$100,000)
- Deploy Expanded CVISN functionality

FY 2012 CVISN Grant Program—Eligible Expenses (cont'd)

Grant funds may be used for:

- CVISN-related information services provided by associations
- Multi-state projects
- Operations and maintenance costs (e.g., Weight-In-Motion systems associated with e-screening sites)

FY 2012 CVISN Match Requirements

FY 2012 CVISN Grant Program—Matching Funds

- CVISN Grants require a 50 percent match
 - A State applying for \$1M CVISN Grant must identify \$1M in State funds as match
- Two types of eligible matching funds for CVISN Grants
 - **Cash**—funds that offset the costs of the specific project towards which the match is applied
 - **In-kind**—funds that are related to a State’s CVISN program but do **not** offset the costs associated with the specific project towards which the match is applied

Eligible Sources of Direct Matching Funds

- State funds applied to the project
- State-funded staff salaries associated with the project
 - Project management
 - Subject matter experts
 - Developer/IT resources
- State-funded capital expenses for the project
 - Hardware/software
 - Roadside equipment
 - E-screening equipment

Guidelines for the Use of Indirect Matching Funds

- Match must be accrued during the Period of Performance (POP) of the award that they are being applied to

Ineligible Sources of Matching Funds

- Monies received from other FMCSA Federal programs
 - MCSAP
 - PRISM
 - SaDIP
 - Border
 - CDL
- Toll credits
- Funds previously used as match toward another Federal grant

Tips for Applying for FY 2012 CVISN Grants

- Take an inventory of your State's expenditures across all CVISN elements to identify your match
- Structure your program in a way that maximizes the use of available funds
- Ask FMCSA for help if needed
 - To identify eligible matching sources
 - To determine if a potential source is eligible

FY 2012 CVISN Application Process/Selection

Application Selection

- Applications must demonstrate a direct connection between proposed activities or expenses and improved CMV safety
- Narrative should include a needs assessment, performance-based objectives, activities description, resources available or needed, a time schedule, and a monitoring or evaluation plan
- Budget should include all eligible costs, direct and indirect, and should demonstrate the required funding match

Notification

- If selected for funding;
 - Examples of positive factors: results-orientated, performance-based, complete, specific, supported by data, and accurate
 - Notification through Grant Solutions

Available Support and Contact Information

Resources

- Opportunity [Announcement](#)
- SAFETEA-LU Section 4126
- 49 CFR Parts 18 and 19
- FMCSA Web site www.fmcsa.dot.gov
- FMCSA staff: Division Administrators, Program Manager
 - Guidance is limited to administrative issues or broad program guidance
- Grants Manual for Grantees
- Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-87

FY 2012 CVISN Grant Information

- FAQs regarding CVISN Grant Process
- New FMCSA secure CVISN Web site
<https://portal.fmcsa.dot.gov/EAALogin.form?AAAAUTHPROVIDER=Portal&AANEXTPAGE=https%3A%2F%2Fportal.fmcsa.dot.gov%3A443%2FCOMPASSPortal>
- CVISN ACCB SharePoint site via this link
<https://partners.jhuapl.edu/sites/cvisn/ACCB>

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