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# PRISM News

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## Unfit = Unsatisfactory

The Unfit = Unsatisfactory Final Rule has been implemented. **Mary Pat, who can give me an update on how this is working?**

## New Specs

**T**he new PRISM computer specifications are now available for jurisdictions and FMCSA offices. Contact –**WHO Or is this old news?**

## Peer Review

A peer review program principally designed to obtain consistency and help states fully implement their approved plan, is under development. Soon a survey with a draft outline of the program package will be sent to you asking for your opinion on how the program should be implemented.



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## Training Schedule

Mar 28-29 South Dakota

Apr 3-5 MCMIS Training

## Updated Training Manual

**T**he training program has recently been modified. The overview two day session and the implementation guide two day

session have been combined into a 2 1/2 day class. The program remains flexible so that two distinct classes can be held for those states where this makes sense.

## New States on Board

**O**hio, New Jersey and Louisiana have submitted letters of intent. That brings the number of states to 21! Remember our goal is to have 25 states before the end of this fiscal year.

## Procedural Manual Developed

A procedural manual to assist the states in implementation of the PRISM Program requirements is in the final stage of development. It will be published this Spring. It is designed to aid in accomplishing the day to day operations.

# MCMIS Training

Mary Pat, Do you have an update on when this will be ready?

## VOLPE as the Central Site

The migration of the central site from Iowa to VOLPE has been delayed from the scheduled December implementation. The new date has been confirmed to be the end of April. More details will be in the next newsletter. **Mary Pat, Is this still true?**

## Hot Topics

**T**he complete Social Security number (SS#) is no longer available on the census file. FMCSA is working to correct this issue that has been brought about by the privacy laws. Until resolution of this issue can be made, the states have two options to use to validate the USDOT Number on the local census file. The last four digits of the social security number are passed to the local census files and can be used for validating. This method is better if the zip code is used in conjunction with the last four digits of the SS#. The second alternative is for the states to maintain the SS# in their files rather than to only capture the number on the screen for validation and then discard. The privacy laws address

the SS# and do not affect the availability of the FEIN.

## States Status

**This will be a permanent column listing all 21 states with the status of each.**

**I had wanted to list the progress of the 24 outstanding items from the November Working group meeting. However, all items are either in progress or on hold. Perhaps there will be some change to report for the next newsletter.**