FMCSA Beyond Compliance Program January 2017 Update

FAST Act Requirements:

- Allow recognition for:
 - Installing advanced safety technology
 - Using enhanced driver fitness measures
 - Adopting fleet safety management tools, technologies, and programs
 - Using other standards approved by the Administrator
 - Can incorporate a methodology into the CSA Program OR establish a BASIC in SMS
- Must provide opportunity for notice and comment
- Process must include a petition/application process
- Must develop a process for identifying and reviewing and approving
- Must be monitored
- Provides authority for no-cost contract
- Information on program on web
- Report to Congress after 3 years

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- Proposed:
 - Establishing a new BASIC
 - Eligibility Requirements
 - Application information
 - o Carrier-specific performance goals
 - Monitoring process
 - o Third party no-cost contract
- New BASIC
 - Proposed two stages or tiers in the BASIC
 - Deployed indicates that we had confirmed the program/technology was in use
 - Improved means that the carrier had demonstrated some improvement in the area they were looking to improve with the use of the program/technology.
 - For example, if a carrier uses vehicles with lane departure warning system to reduce crashes, we would show "Deployed" when they entered the program. If after time they showed a reduction in crashes, we would change them to "Improved."
- Eligibility
 - Not a New Entrant
 - No Conditional or Unsatisfactory rating
 - No SMS Alerts

Commenters:

- Total Number of Distinct Commenters: 33
 - 7 Vendors
 - 9 Associations
 - 3 Safety Advocates
 - 1 NTSB
 - 13 Others
 - o Out of Scope comments: ELD, Apnea, SFD

Comments:

- Should not proceed until CSA is fixed
- Benefits only large companies
- Should/should not be a separate BASIC
- Conditional and Unsatisfactory carriers should participate
- Use annual passenger carrier reviews for monitoring
- Change number of categories and labels
- Safety baseline should include crashes
- Should have different standards; if in program, violations count double
- Should give credit for violation/crash free miles
- Should give credit for terminating employees
- Program is a misuse of FMCSA resources

Next Steps:

• Conducting additional research on technologies and programs to determine breadth of program and potential costs