

Appendix A-2: SDLA Survey Introductory Email Text

I am sending this to make you aware of an FMCSA survey you will be receiving within the next week.

In support of the implementation of the ELDT program, FMCSA is undertaking a project titled “Effectiveness of Third-Party Testing and Minimum Standards for the CDL Knowledge and Skills Tests,” to assess and determine the effectiveness of:

- Third-party testing programs for CDL skills tests; and
- Minimum training and minimum testing standards for CDL knowledge and skills tests.

FMCSA has contracted with Toxcel, LLC to provide technical support for the project. The starting point for the project will be a survey to determine which version of the 2005 AAMVA CDL Test Model or its equivalent is being utilized as required by 49 CFR 383.131-133. The survey results will both provide an understanding of the jurisdictions’ status with compliance of applicable State and Federal regulations and background information on SDLA testing programs. This information will help inform and guide separate data collection efforts used to accomplish the project objectives.

Your input is critical for ensuring the success of the research and provides FMCSA with an understanding of the effectiveness of the ELDT program. We recognize that implementing the ELDT program presents a new set of challenges and obtaining your input and feedback will in turn provide FMCSA with the information needed to help address these challenges.

On behalf of FMCSA, many thanks for your continued commitment to safety and your support for the ELDT program.