

# FTA

FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION

## **APTA Safety Spotlight Webinar**

### **State Safety Oversight Program Certification**

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# FTA's Goals

Continue to Improve and Strengthen  
SSO Programs for Oversight of Rail  
Transit Operations

# SSO Certification



# Deadlines

- Compliance deadline-States must have an approved and certified SSO Program no later than April 15, 2019
- In order to meet the compliance deadline, States should submit their certification applications by April 15, 2018 (preferred submission date), but no later than September 30, 2018, to ensure that FTA has sufficient time to review applications

# Financial Penalty

If a State fails to meet the April 15, 2019 deadline, FTA will be prohibited from obligating Federal financial assistance apportioned under Chapter 53 (49 U.S.C. 5338) to any entity in the State that is otherwise eligible to receive that Federal financial assistance.

# Certification Status Table

- A States progress can be tracked on FTA's website
  - Status table will be updated quarterly
  - <https://www.transit.dot.gov/regulations-and-guidance/safety/state-safety-oversight-program-certification-status>
- Inquiries
  - Those interested in specifics on a State's progress are encouraged to contact the State

# What FTA is doing for SSOAs

- \$90 million in grant funds
- Technical assistance workshops
- Monthly one-on-one calls
- Quarterly conference calls
- Certification toolkit
- Site visits

# What the Rail Transit Industry can do?

Be aware of the statutory deadline and support your State in its certification efforts

# Outreach

- All certification status updates will be featured on the monthly FTA's Transit Safety and Oversight Spotlight Newsletter
  - <https://www.transit.dot.gov/regulations-and-guidance/safety/tso-spotlight-newsletter>
- Subscribe through email updates under “Safety & Oversight/Safety & Oversight Newsletter”
  - <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDOTFTA/subscriber/new>

# Questions?

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