



FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION

## **FTA AMPO Safety Webinar**

# **State Safety Oversight (SSO) Certification Overview**

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# Agenda

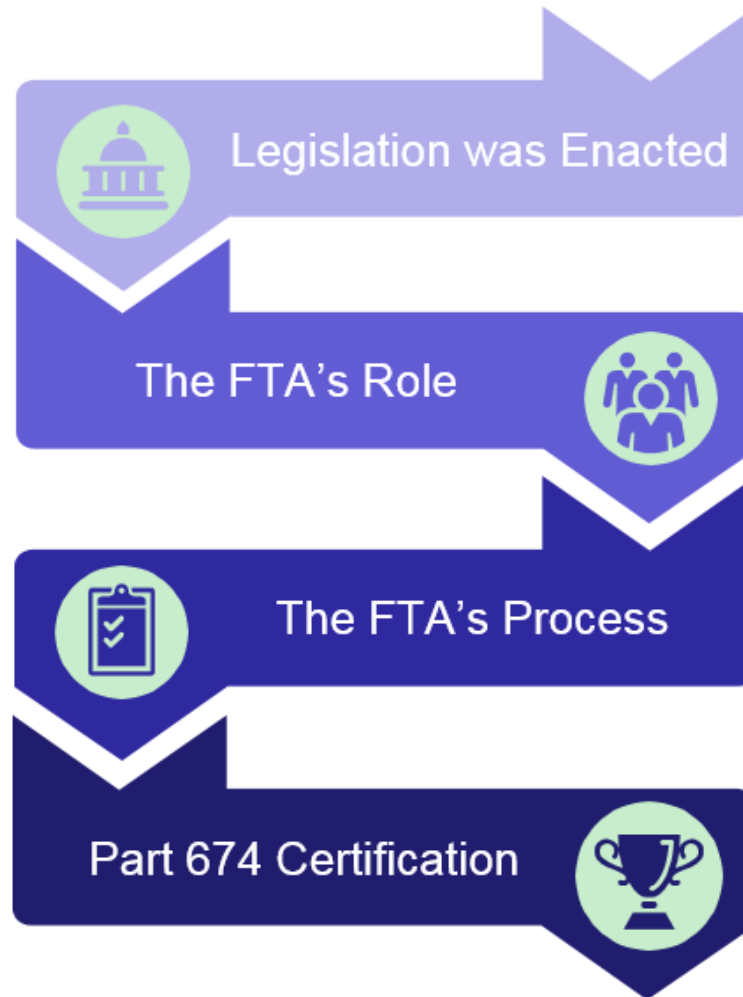
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# FTA's Safety Oversight Goal

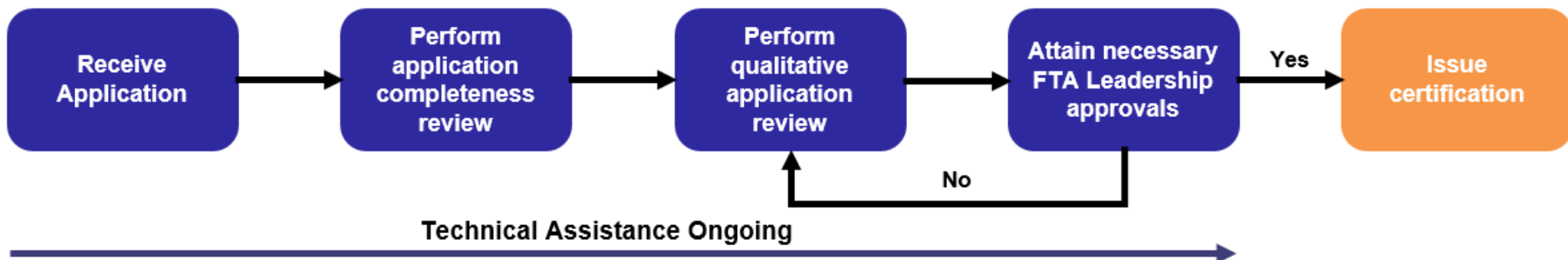
Continue to improve and strengthen SSO programs for oversight of rail transit operations.

# SSO Certification Process

# SSO Program Background

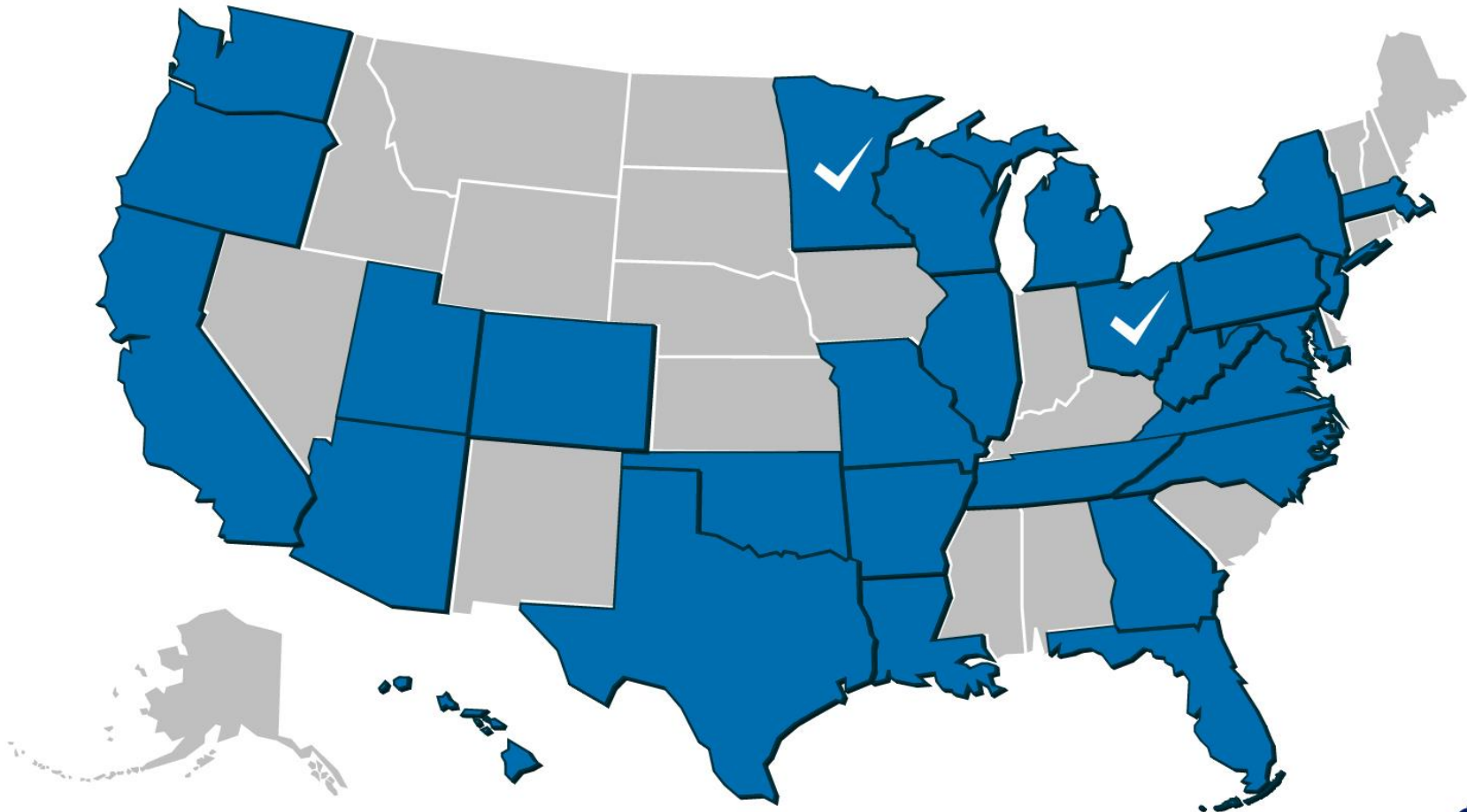


# Application Review Process



# SSO Certification

# States with Rail Transit Required to Meet State Safety Oversight Program Certification Deadline (April 15, 2019)



- Required to be certified
- Not required to be certified
- Certified



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# Deadlines

| Deadlines                 | Dates              |
|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Compliance Deadline       | April 15, 2019     |
| Submission Deadline       | September 30, 2018 |
| Preferred Submission Date | April 15, 2018     |

# Financial Penalty

What if a state misses the April 15, 2019 deadline?

- FTA can't obligate financial assistance. Funds must be withheld until SSOP is certified by FTA.
- State-wide impact
  - Applies to all Chapter 53 grant recipients

# Certification Status Table

- Status table tracks each State's certification status
  - Updated as new States are certified
  - <https://www.transit.dot.gov/regulations-and-guidance/safety/state-safety-oversight-program-certification-status>
- Inquiries?
  - Contact State's SSO manager
  - <https://www.transit.dot.gov/regulations-and-guidance/safety/state-safety-oversight-contacts>

# States Requiring State Legislative or Executive Action

| States      | Estimated FTA Formula Funding (FY2019) |
|-------------|--|
| Illinois    | \$609,101,428                          |
| Michigan    | \$142,597,929                          |
| New York    | \$1,523,909,156                        |
| Oklahoma    | \$52,170,951                           |
| Puerto Rico | \$74,078,304                           |
| Tennessee   | \$92,833,519                           |

# What FTA is doing for SSOAs

- \$112 million in grant funds (since FY2013)
- Technical assistance workshops
- Monthly one-on-one calls
- Quarterly conference calls
- Certification toolkit
- Site visits

# What MPOs can do?

- Be aware of the statutory deadline
  - April 15, 2019
- Support your State in its certification efforts

# Outreach

- Transit Safety and Oversight Spotlight:
  - FTA's monthly safety newsletter
  - Features certification status updates
  - Access online: <https://www.transit.dot.gov/regulations-and-guidance/safety/tso-spotlight-newsletter>
  - Subscribe:  
<https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDOTFTA/subscriber/new>

# Questions?

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