

FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION

APTA Midyear Safety Meeting

State Safety Oversight (SSO) Certification Overview

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Agenda

- FTA's Safety Oversight Goal
- State Safety Oversight (SSO) Certification Process
- SSO Certification
- Outreach
- Questions



FTA's Safety Oversight Goal

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



SSO Certification Process

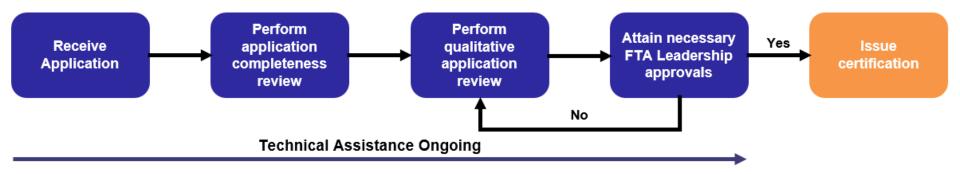


SSO Program Background





Application Review Process

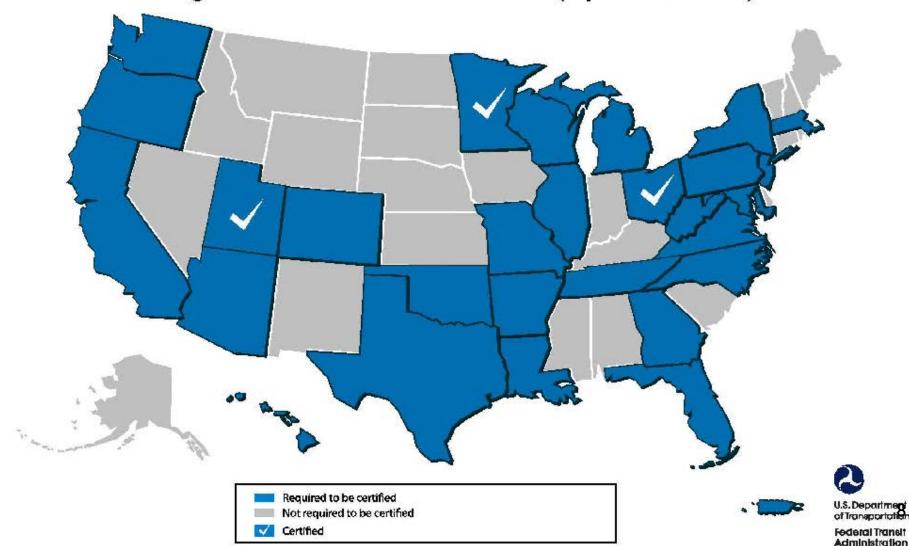




SSO Certification



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



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/statesafety-oversight-program-certification-status
- Inquiries?
 - Contact state's SSO manager
 - https://www.transit.dot.gov/regulations-and-guidance/safety/statesafety-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 the transit industry can do?

- Be aware of the statutory deadline
 - April 15, 2019
- Support your state in its certification efforts
 - Update Safety/Security Plans and Corrective Action Plans (CAPs)



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
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Questions?

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