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duly designated by the Secretary of the Interior to implement the Indian highway safety program.

NHTSA means the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Program area means a National Priority Program Area identified in §1205.3 of this chapter or a program area identified by the State in the highway safety plan as encompassing a major highway safety problem in the State and for which effective countermeasures have been identified.

Program income means gross income received by the State or any of its subgrantees or contractors that is directly or indirectly generated by a Federally-supported project during the project performance period.

Section 402 means section 402 of title 23 of the United States Code.

State means any of the fifty States of the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, or, for the application of this part to Indians as provided in 23 U.S.C. 402(i), the Secretary of the Interior.

Subpart B—Application, Approval, and Funding of the Highway Safety Program

§ 1200.10 Application.

Each fiscal year, a State's application for funds for its highway safety program shall consist of the following components:

(a) A Performance Plan, containing the following elements:

(1) A list of objective and measurable highway safety goals, within the National Priority Program Areas and other program areas, based on highway safety problems identified by the State during the processes under paragraph (a)(2) of this section. Each goal must be accompanied by at least one performance measure that enables the State to track progress, from a specific baseline, toward meeting the goal (e.g., a goal to "increase safety belt use from XX percent in 19__ to YY percent in 20__," using a performance measure of "percent of restrained occupants in front outboard seating positions in passenger motor vehicles").

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(2) A brief description of the processes used by the State to identify its highway safety problems, define its highway safety goals and performance measures, and develop projects and activities to address its problems and achieve its goals. In describing these processes, the State shall identify the participants in the processes (e.g., highway safety committees, community and constituent groups), discuss the strategies for project or activity selection (e.g., constituent outreach, public meetings, solicitation of proposals), and list the information and data sources consulted.

(b) A Highway Safety Plan, approved by the Governor's Representative for Highway Safety, describing the projects and activities the State plans to implement to reach the goals identified in the Performance Plan. The Highway Safety Plan must, at a minimum, describe one year of Section 402 program activities (and may include activities funded from other sources, so long as the source of funding is clearly distinguished).

(c) A Certification Statement, signed by the Governor's Representative for Highway Safety, providing assurances that the State will comply with applicable laws and regulations, financial and programmatic requirements, and in accordance with §1200.11 of this part, the special funding conditions of the Section 402 program.

(d) A Program Cost Summary (HS Form 217 or its electronic equivalent), completed to reflect the State's proposed allocations of funds (including carry-forward funds) by program area, based on the goals identified in the Performance Plan and the projects and activities identified in the Highway Safety Plan. The funding level used shall be an estimate of available funding for the upcoming fiscal year.

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§ 1200.11 Special funding conditions.

The State's highway safety program under Section 402 shall be subject to the following conditions, and approval under §1200.13 of this part shall in no event be deemed to waive these conditions:

(a) Responsibility of the Governor—The Governor of the State shall be responsible for the administration of the Section 402 program through a State highway safety agency that shall have adequate powers and be suitably equipped and organized to carry out the program.

(b) Participation by Political Subdivisions—Political subdivisions shall be authorized to carry out local highway safety programs, approved by the Governor, as a part of the State highway safety program, and at least 40 percent of all Federal funds provided under this part shall be used by or for the benefit of political subdivisions, in accordance with the provisions of part 1250 of this chapter.

(c) Access for Persons with Disabilities—Adequate and reasonable access shall be provided for the safe and convenient movement of persons with physical disabilities, including those in wheelchairs, across curbs constructed or replaced on or after July 1, 1976, at all pedestrian crosswalks throughout the State.

(d) Use of Safety Belts—Programs shall be provided (which may include financial incentives and disincentives) to encourage the use of safety belts by drivers and passengers in motor vehicles.

(e) Planning and Administration Costs—Funding and matching requirements for planning and administration costs shall be in accordance with the provisions of part 1252 of this chapter.

(f) Purchase and Disposition of Equipment—Major purchases and dispositions of equipment shall require prior approval by the approving official, in accordance with the provisions of § 1200.21(d) of this part.

§ 1200.12 Due date.

Three copies of the application documents identified in §1200.10 of this part must be received by the NHTSA regional office no later than September 1 preceding the fiscal year to which the documents apply. The NHTSA regional office will forward copies to NHTSA headquarters and the FHWA division office. Failure to meet this deadline may result in delayed approval and funding.

§ 1200.13 Approval.

(a) Upon receipt of application documents complying with the provisions of §1200.10 and §1200.11 of this part, the Approving Official will issue a letter of approval to the Governor and the Governor's Representative for Highway Safety.

(b) The approval letter identified in paragraph (a) of this section will contain the following statement:

We have reviewed (STATE)'s _____ fiscal year 19__ Performance Plan, Highway Safety Plan, Certification Statement, and Cost Summary (HS Form 217), as received on (DATE) _____. Based on these submissions, we find your State's highway safety program to be in compliance with the requirements of the Section 402 program. This determination does not constitute an obligation of Federal funds for the fiscal year identified above or an authorization to incur costs against those funds. The obligation of Section 402 program funds will be effected in writing by the NHTSA Administrator at the commencement of the fiscal year identified above. However, Federal funds reprogrammed from the prior-year Highway Safety Program (carry-forward funds) will be available for immediate use by the State on October 1. Reimbursement will be contingent upon the submission of an updated HS Form 217 (or its electronic equivalent), consistent with the requirements of 23 CFR 1200.14(d), within 30 days after either the beginning of the fiscal year identified above or the date of this letter, whichever is later.

(c) If approval is withheld, for reasons of non-compliance with §1200.10 or §1200.11 of this part or other applicable law, the Approving Official shall identify in writing the specific area(s) of non-compliance which formed the basis for withholding approval.

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§ 1200.14 Apportionment and obligation of Federal funds.

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, on October 1 of each fiscal year the NHTSA Administrator shall, in writing, distribute funds available for obligation under Section 402 to the States and specify any conditions or limitations imposed by law on the use of the funds.

(b) In the event that authorizations exist but no applicable appropriation act has been enacted by October 1 of a