Project #10401 – Pilot Car Driver Certification Program

Pilot cars are the safety vehicles that accompany oversized vehicles on highways. The State of Alabama currently recognizes the pilot car driver certifications of other states but does not issue its own certification. The Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) desires to initiate a certification program and obtain reciprocity of its certification with other states. In the proposed effort, the University of Alabama (UA) team will work closely with ALDOT to help implement the program. This initial proposal will cover 19.5 months and will initiate the program and conduct the first five-to-eight classes that will comprise the first year of the program. The exact number of classes will be determined by student demand. UA will engage course instructors through personal service agreements that will include course presentation and presenter expenses. The courses will be held in locations throughout Alabama, preferable at ALDOT Division Offices. This proposal assumes that ALDOT will provide the meeting accommodations and that UA will not be responsible for those costs. The UA team will establish a website for the certification program and will transfer the site to ALDOT at the completion of the project.

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