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**Progress (Mid-Term) Report** to the U.S. Department of Transportation – PHMSA  
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**Technical Assistance Grant Number** - DTPH56-13-G-PHPT05

**March 27, 2014**

The Department of Transportation, Pipeline Safety and Hazardous Materials Administration (PHMSA) awarded a grant to the Pipeline Safety Trust to:

*Gather, sort and make easily available to local governments and concerned citizens information regarding how state and local governments in all fifty states have approached a variety of land use and planning issues associated with pipeline safety. The information will include existing local pipeline related ordinances and case studies, descriptions of pipeline siting authority in each state, emergency (including hazard mitigation) and oil spill response planning in each state, descriptions of significant rules in each state that go beyond the federal minimum regulations, highlights of each state's excavation damage prevention laws and efforts, and some basic information about where to find information about each state's regulation of oil and natural gas production. Pipeline Safety Trust will make this information available for everyone on their website. Using this information, Pipeline Safety Trust, will also produce and print a Local Government Guide to Pipelines to provide local governments in all fifty states an easy to use manual for where to obtain the information they may be looking for.*

The applicable milestones for the first half of the grant period from the grant proposal are each stated and discussed below.

- **Check in and seek advice from stakeholders on project - October 2013**

Upon award of the grant in late September the Pipeline Safety Trust began outreach to various groups and individuals to seek input on what changes they believed necessary for the Landowners Guide to Pipelines, as well as what they would like to see included in the new Local Government Guide to Pipelines.

For the **Landowners Guide to Pipelines** we contacted individual and landowner groups we work with around the country, as well as those who had requested the previous version of the guide. We also contacted a handful of attorneys who provide assistance to landowners on eminent domain issues and the national legal group the Owners Counsel to see if there were any new developments we should include. We also contacted our list of advocates that was developed as part of our New Voices project. This contact reminded people of the availability of the existing guide and we mailed out nearly all remaining copies.

For the new **Local Government Guide to Pipelines** we contacted the PIPA Communications Team, the Washington State Municipal Research and Services Center, local government and municipal lawyers we have worked on with issues over the past few years, and again our list of advocates that was developed as part of our New Voices project.

Feedback from all these groups was noted for incorporation of the update of the **Landowners Guide to Pipelines**, and as we then began to internally design and collect information for the **Local Government Guide to Pipelines**

- **Collect the desired information from the 50 states - Oct 2013 to April 2014**

Starting in October we began to internally decide what information to be included in the **Local Government Guide to Pipelines**, and struggled with **the** question of providing as much information as possible versus allowing the guide to become so large that it would not be useful or cost effective. Along with general information about pipelines we decided to collect for each state information regarding:

- Basic state pipeline mileage
- Pipeline Safety jurisdiction
- Links to Location of pipeline statutes and rules
- Information regarding state pipeline siting authority
- Information on state oil spill FRP requirements
- State Oil & Gas Production Information

We then began to collect the raw individual information for each state, and contact state agencies when the information we were seeking was not apparently available online or confusing.

- **Interim report to PHMSA - March 2014**

This report meets the interim report milestone

Please let me know if you have any questions or if you need anything more for this progress report.

Thanks for your help.



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