

Contract No. G-020-045
“Commercial Drivers License Training Program”
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PARTICIPANTS

Sponsor	Cost Share
Workforce Enhancement Grant	\$ 50,000
Private Industry	\$ 50,000
Williston State College	\$204,500
North Dakota Industrial Commission/OGRC Funding	<u>\$ 50,000</u>
Total Project Cost	\$354,500

Project Schedule – 9 months	Project Deliverables:	
Contract Date – May 3, 2010	Status Report:	May 31, 2010 v
Start Date – January 1, 2010	Final Report*:	October 31, 2010 v
Final Report: October 31, 2010		

*The Final Report is to provide information on recruitment, class size, retention, course completions, pass rates and drivers working in North Dakota. Information on locations of where classes have been held would be beneficial to understanding the value of this project.

OBJECTIVE/STATEMENT OF WORK:

Funding will be used to purchase two simulators (Doron 550 Truck Simulator and the Air Brake Simulator) and a trailer for the simulators to allow the training to be delivered at various locations. TrainND has previously provided the CDL training in partnership with the Center for Transportation Safety based in Colorado. This partnership is no longer available to TrainND. Because of the interest and the need for this kind of training in North Dakota, this project was developed.

STATUS

Contract has been signed.

First status report has been received noting that match funding is still being sought. Therefore, no funding from the Commission has been disbursed. It was stated that the Williston State College Foundation has agreed to set up a scholarship fund for individuals who wish to complete this program. For every dollar donated by the oil and gas industry, the Foundation will match their contribution. This fund will assist those who cannot afford the cost of the training. Trucking companies know the value of the CDL simulator to the training program. The companies are committed to the CDL program and have pledged equipment and cash.

A no-cost extension has been requested and granted for submission of the final report.

The final report has been received and is posted on the Industrial Commission/Oil and Gas Research Program website. In summary the report states that the Doron Commercial Drivers License (CDL)

simulator was delivered in November of 2010; training of instructors was provided by Doron in February 2011. A total of 96 individuals have utilized the CDL simulator. The simulator replicates the driving compartment of a truck and is equipped with a 10-speed transmission. It includes essential components found in late model trucks, including air brakes and trailer air supply. It meets the trucking industries' unique training requirements by being customizable, upgradeable and modular. The high quality real-time visual system is specifically engineered to provide views from the driver's seat. To complete the realistic visual display, remote controlled real-time rear-view mirror images are synchronized and imbedded in the appropriate simulated window images. The simulator will allow TrainND to do CDL evaluations along with refresher training for area trucking companies. The simulator enhances the CDL training program by allowing new drivers the chance to practice shifting and driving in a safe environment. TrainND has contacted 176 companies regarding this training program and received over 20 inquiries. It is anticipated that the simulator will be used extensively.

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