
Air Bag Blue Ribbon Panel Meeting

Advanced Occupant Protection System Data Collection utilizing the NASS

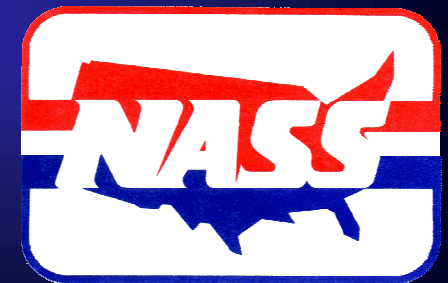
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Discussion Topics



- ≈ **Data Collection using NASS**
- ≈ **Contract Structure**
- ≈ **Project Schedule**



Data Collection using NASS



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- Maximize the number of cases of interest while maintaining statistical integrity.
 - **Factors to be considered:**
 - Number of sites;
 - Number of researchers at each site; and,
 - Length of data collection term.

Data Collection using NASS



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- **How Evaluation Factors are used:**
 - **Review the number of cases of interest at each GES site;**
 - **Determine the optimal mix of sites and Researchers; and,**
 - **Remain within the budget.**

Contract Structure



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- **Contract Issues:**
 - **Use existing contractors**
 - **The longer the term of the contract the more
 `cost effective`**

Contract Structure



- **Current NASS Contractors:**
 - **VERIDIAN ENGINEERING, INC.**
 - Eastern Teams
 - **KLD ASSOCIATES, INC.**
 - Western Teams
 - **VOLPE NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS CENTER**
 - Subcontracts Automated Data Processing

Project Schedule



- **Begin data collection as soon as the contracts are in place (approximately 8 months).**
 - **Establish Site, Hire and Train Researchers**
 - **Begin data collection**
 - Routinely share results on anecdotal cases with the public.
- **NHTSA will Provide access to NASS files on a Quarterly Basis.**
 - **Beginning with 2001 file (approximately April 1, 2002)**