



VEHICLES AND COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS



VEHICLES

Providing Parties

- Federal Government
- Recipient



Federal Sources

- Federally owned – GSA and APHIS
- Federally leased – Contract versus Travel Card
- Personal Credit Card
 - If authorized
 - Pending issuance of Travel Card



Recipient Sources

- Recipient-owned
- Recipient-leased or recipient-purchased
 - wholly/partially with federal funds
 - Title vests with recipient when purchased
 - APHIS can execute a transfer of title



Use of Federal Vehicles (Owned or Leased)

- Must adhere to federal regulations
- Recipient's policies can be less restrictive
- Driver's training for project personnel
- DMV checks on temporary hires
- Safe trailering booklet on ASC website
- No driving while texting



Authorized Uses Federal Vehicles

- Between places of official business
- Between such places and places of temporary lodging
 - when public transportation is unavailable or
 - its use is impractical;
- Between above places to those for
 - sustenance,
 - comfort,
 - health
- As otherwise authorized by USDA under 31 USC 1344



LIABILITY

- Hold harmless clause
- Federal Tort Claims Act
 - Covers third parties injuries/losses
 - Covers harmful acts of Federal employees
- Unauthorized use is a personal liability



HOLD HARMLESS CLAUSE

Recipient's Responsibilities

- Complies with Federal Regulations
41 CFR 10138.3011 (41 CFR 10234 Subpart C)
- Complies with APHIS Vehicle usage policy
- For its employee's property damage/
personal injury
 - indemnifies the USA
 - Saves /holds harmless the USA from claims
 - Reimburses the USA through APHIS



QUESTIONS