FAST System Training
Federal Fleet-level User Training
FedFleet 2012 – June 2012 – Louisville, KY
We will cover…

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- What is FAST?
- How does FAST work?
- What do I need to know?
- When do I need to use FAST?
- What do I have to do?
- What’s new in FAST?
- Where can I get help?
- Who can I call?
- Q & A
Session is primarily intended for users new to the FAST system, either users assigned to one or more fleets for data entry purposes or users assigned at the agency level. Focus will be on introduction to the system, why it exists, and how to use it for data entry; time permitting, we will touch on things within the system that are new or have changed.

Who should be here?

- Anyone with data entry responsibilities in FAST
  - fleet-level users new to FAST
  - fleet-level users wanting a quick refresher
- New “agency-level” FAST administrators
- New agency help desk POCs
What is FAST?

- Web-based Federal motor vehicle fleet compliance data reporting tool
  - [https://fastweb.inei.gov/](https://fastweb.inei.gov/)
- Collects data about Federal motor vehicle fleet, per
  - Executive Orders (EO) 13423, 13514
  - Energy Independence Security Act (EISA) 2007
  - Federal Property and Administration Services Act
  - Federal Energy Administration Act
  - OMB Circular A-11
  - Presidential Memo, May 2011
- Jointly managed by DOE, GSA, EIA

Web-based: No additional software, other than a relatively-current Web browser and an Internet connection, required to be installed on each user's computer workstation.

Federal motor vehicle fleet: Data collected via FAST deals solely with the Federal government’s fleet of motor vehicles

Compliance reporting tool: Data is primarily focused on compliance with various reporting requirements and specific metrics for the makeup and operation of the Federal motor vehicle fleet

Important to note that FAST is not an fleet management information system; it exists almost exclusively to support specific data reporting and compliance requirements

Each of the management partners has specific – sometimes overlapping – responsibilities related to data collection, analysis, and reporting. Those responsibilities form the basis for FAST.

Also note that as these requirements change over time and as the responsibilities of the managing partners change, FAST will continue to evolve.
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- User accounts: FAST supports several different levels of users; level determines what they can do within the system and which elements of the reporting hierarchy they can view/report data for

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- Larger organizations may benefit from delegating some of the administrative responsibilities to users at the "bureau" level
- Intermediate-level admins can deal with hierarchy, user accounts, review & validation of data

Fleet-level ("A") users:
- Primary responsibility is to enter and validate data for one or more “fleets” of vehicles during the corresponding times of the year

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What do I need to know?

- Your organization’s FAST agency administrator and help desk POCs
  - Full list available on FAST sign-in page
  - Also listed at bottom of each page in FAST
- Fleet composition (vehicle types, quantities, etc.)
- Vehicle turnover information (anticipated acquisitions & disposals)
- Fleet operational data:
  - Costs
  - Mileage
  - Fuel cost & consumption
  - Availability of alternative fuels for your fleet(s)
- Basic understanding of fleet-related requirements
  - Legislation & executive orders
  - Agency/bureau policies & practices

FAST agency administrators and help desk POCs: may be the most important thing for fleet-level users to know. They provide:
- Direction and guidance regarding agency-specific approaches and procedures to data reporting
- Answers to questions about underlying requirements and compliance
- Support related to using the FAST system itself, including assistance with your user account in FAST
**When do I need to use FAST?**

- **September:** preparation for primary data call

- **October 1 – December 15:** Fleet data call
  - Inventory, acquisitions, disposals
  - Operational costs & mileage
  - Fuel cost & consumption

- **June 1 - 30:**
  - EPAct § 701 all fuel waiver requests
  - EISA § 246 fueling infrastructure data (admins only)

- **August:** OMB A-11 AMVFR data call
  - Fleet budget projections

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September preparation:
- Training of agency administrators and agency help desk POCs
- Prior year reporting hierarchy for each agency is rolled forward for the new year; admins can update hierarchy prior to opening of data call
- Agencies train their users, as needed – please coordinate any training efforts with Michelle Kirby of the INL FAST team to avoid conflicts with system downtime

June data calls run concurrently because the information about the location of the fueling centers from the EISA 246 call is used as part of the review process for the EPACT 701 waivers submitted by the agencies.
What do I have to do?

- Time for a demo...
What’s new / coming in FAST?

• Important changes deployed in May 2012:
  – new query tool
  – system log now part of query tool
  – updated FAQ, “what’s new”, email message system

• More to come over the next year:
  – more flexible “view-only” users
  – better tools for managing users and reporting hierarchy
  – comprehensive overhaul of FAST help/support content
  – existing SF-82 summary report to be replaced
**Improvements to Excel import capabilities**

- Detailed validation messages
- Ability to import both .xls and .xlsx formats
- Significantly faster imports, particularly on large files
Several changes coming this fall related to incorporating additional data elements into the fall data call to support agency reporting of progress toward the optimal fleet characterized this past year as the agencies reported summary results from their vehicle allocation methodologies.
Probably some additional changes related to providing updated fleet management plans, etc., in the spring timeframe. Conversations also currently underway between GSA OGP and OMB about the possibility of merging some of the data that has historically been collected and summarized in the OMB A-11 AMVFR data call into the fall data call as part of this effort as well, in the hopes of eliminating the August data call for that report. If that happens, it will not happen in time for this summer’s efforts on that report but presumably would be in place by summer 2013. Karl Wolfe and Jim Vogelsinger may have more to offer on that front in their session Tuesday afternoon.
Important figures to complete the information available to GSA, in particular, about these subsets of the fleet. FAST has historically collected all of the other data (inventory, costs, fuel) but not mileage – this modification closes that gap and allows for more analysis of these subsets (cost/mile, fuel efficiency, etc.) that wasn’t possible to this point.
What’s new / coming in FAST?

- Tools for reviewing data
  - Additional data views in Data Quality & Consistency Report
  - Different fleet subsets (armored, LE) in DQR
  - Additional capabilities in new query tool
  - Semi-automated top-to-bottom DQR-like review of all fleets in agency reporting hierarchy
  - Logging of fleet-level use of DQR
Where can I get help?

- DOE’s “Comprehensive Federal Fleet Management Handbook”
- FAST Help tab, FAQ, “What’s New”
- “Federal Fleet Files” monthly newsletter
  - https://federalfleets.energy.gov/newsletters/federal_fleet_files_newsletter
  - https://federalfleets.energy.gov/
- GSA’s Motor Vehicle Management Web site
  - http://www.gsa.gov/vehiclepolicy
- INTERFUEL: Inter-agency alt fuel working group
  - https://federalfleets.energy.gov/interfuel_working_group
- INL FAST Web team: contact Michelle Kirby
Who can I call?

- **Department of Energy**
  
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Additional FAST sessions at FedFleet 2012

- Hands on: FAST Query Tool
  - Thu, 11:30 am – 12:30 pm – Computer lab
- Hands On: Reviewing Your Agency's FAST Data Submission
  - Thu, 2:30 – 4:30 pm – Computer lab