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NEW ELECTRONIC TRACKING SYSTEM FOR IN-TRANSIT TAGS

PennDOT is developing an electronic vehicle information system to input, track and validate the approximately 200,000 in-transit tags issued annually by the Department's agents. The system will reduce the potential for abuse and mitigate fraudulent activity associated with the reissuance of in-transit tags after expiry of the original issue and the illegal issuance of in-transit tags to individuals who are not entitled to receive an in-transit tag. The development of the system is a result of a PennDOT interagency workgroup direction to mitigate fraud related to the issuance of in-transit tags.

After deployment of the system, manual issuance of in-transit tags will no longer be permitted. PennDOT contracted agents who wish to continue to issue in-transit tags will be required to be a participant in one of PennDOT's on-line (On-Line Registration or On-Line Messenger) programs to use the electronic tracking system. Deployment of the system is targeted for October 2011. Additional communications will be provided in the upcoming weeks regarding the actual start-up date.

Many agents who issue in-transit tags already serve as an on-line agent. If you are an agent who wishes to continue to issue in-transit tags and you are not on-line, please consider the below information to sign up to become an on-line agent.

On-Line Registration Program (OLRP)– Messengers, agents or dealers who are licensed and bonded with PennDOT for at least three months and have no sanctions are eligible to apply for this program. Business partners will need to contract with a PennDOT approved third party service provider in order to make the OLRP connection with PennDOT. For additional information, you can visit the Driver and Vehicle Services website by clicking on <http://www.dmv.state.pa.us/businessPartnerCenter/onlineRegistrationProgram.shtml> or contact Genene Bullock, On-Line Registration Program Manager, at (717) 705-5901 or by e-mail at gebullock@state.pa.us.

On-Line Messenger Program (OLM)–Agents who are licensed and bonded as a messenger with PennDOT for at least one year with no sanctions are eligible to apply for this program. For additional information, visit the Driver and Vehicle Services website by clicking on http://www.dmv.state.pa.us/messenger_services/messenger1.shtml or contact Elizabeth Threnhauser, On-Line Messenger Program Administration and Development Manager, at (717) 787-0489 or by e-mail at onlinemessenger@state.pa.us.