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This is the U.S. Department of Transportation Broadcast News Service for Thursday, March 1, with a story on truck and bus driver training.

The Federal Highway Administration's Bureau of Motor Carrier Safety has contracted with a New Jersey firm to develop standards for training of prospective truck and bus drivers. Bureau Director Robert Kaye explained the program: "Our basic objective is the development of a performance-based curriculum for training drivers of commercial motor vehicles. The training program will include classroom and behind-the-wheel instruction, with emphasis on driver behavioral reactions, designed to reduce accidents and promote highway safety."

"We are convinced that the public's interest would be served by upgrading the ability of commercial vehicle drivers through improved training programs. Technological advances in equipment and highway engineering, joined with increased knowledge of highway safety and the skills that today's commercial motor vehicle driver must possess, make it necessary that standard criteria for driver training be established."

The program contract is for \$143,000 and was awarded to Rowland and Company, Inc. of Haddonfield, New Jersey.

For further information call 202-426-0677. This has been the Transportation News Report for Thursday, March 1.

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