**TRANSPORTATION POOLED FUND PROGRAM**

**QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT**

Date: 31 December 2012

Lead Agency : Louisiana Department of Transportation & Development

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

*Project Managers and/or research project investigators should complete a quarterly progress report for each calendar quarter during which the projects are active. Please provide a project schedule status of the research activities tied to each task that is defined in the proposal; a percentage completion of each task; a concise discussion (2 or 3 sentences) of the current status, including accomplishments and problems encountered, if any. List all tasks, even if no work was done during this period.*

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| **Transportation Pooled Fund Program Project #**  *(i.e, SPR-2(XXX), SPR-3(XXX) or TPF-5(XXX)*  TPF-5(273) | | **Transportation Pooled Fund Program - Report Period:**  □Quarter 1 (January 1 – March 31)  □Quarter 2 (April 1 – June 30)  □Quarter 3 (July 1 – September 30)  **X** Quarter 4 (December 1 – December 31) | |
| **Project Title:**  **Latin American Trade and Transportation Studies** | | | |
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| **Lead Agency Project ID:**  **13-ITTS** | **Other Project ID (i.e., contract #):**  **SIO No. 30001060** | | **Project Start Date:**  **1 Dec 2012** |
| **Original Project End Date:**  **30 June 2017** | **Current Project End Date:**  **30 June 2017** | | **Number of Extensions:** |

Project schedule status:

x On schedule □ On revised schedule □ Ahead of schedule □ Behind schedule

Overall Project Statistics:

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| **Total Project Budget** | **Total Cost to Date for Project** | **Percentage of Work**  **Completed to Date** |
| $1,592,000 | $14,846.45 | 2% |

***Quarterly*** Project Statistics:

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| **Total Project Expenses**  **and Percentage This Quarter** | **Total Amount of Funds**  **Expended This Quarter** | **Total Percentage of**  **Time Used to Date** |
| $14,846.45 (1%) | $14,846.45 | 2% |

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| **Project Description**:  **OBJECTIVES:**  The purpose of ITTS is to estimate trade volumes with Latin America and other international trade, evaluate infrastructure investments needed to support growth in international trade, and develop strategies to guide infrastructure investments. The overall goal is to help the Southeastern Transportation Alliance states develop their competitive advantages to capture trade opportunities and the associated economic benefits.    The scope of work will consist of, but not be limited to, the following:   * Update the Latin America Trade and Transportation Study but expand to include all international trade. * Organize and facilitate workshops attended by ITTS member states to review trade forecasts and freight flows, and to present and compare member state transportation plans to ensure proper coordination. * Organize and sponsor an annual “Freight in the Southeast” conference to provide a continuing education and peer exchange opportunity for member states. * Within budgetary allowances, provide support to member states such as speaking at member state conferences, offering expert advice, etc. * Provide technical assistance in meeting the requirements of MAP-21 including but not limited to State Freight Plans, Freight networks and identifying Regional Freight corridors. |

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| **Progress this Quarter (includes meetings, work plan status, contract status, significant progress, etc.):**  **Task 1: Network Development**  **Task 2: Data Development**   * Worked on Corps and FHWA databases for integration into a regional model   **Task 3: Communications, Training and Education**   * ITTS provided special assistance as requested for Kentucky (Mississippi River traffic), Mississippi (freight data and ITTS activities), Florida (Panama Canal trade), USDA on the low river conditions on the Mississippi River * Have also participated in MAP-21 discussions with AASHTO staff and USDOT staff. * Presentations: Propeller Club (Waterways in the Southeast), AASHTO Meeting (Benefit Cost Analysis for Waterways and Regional Planning), Miss. Water Resource Assoc. (Economics of Waterways to Mississippi), Mississippi River for University of Wisconsin and Importance of Trade to Louisiana for the West Baton Rouge Chamber of Commerce.   **Task 4: Meeting**   * ITTS continued to work on the ITTS Freight Conference in Partnership with the Mid America Freight Coalition. Kentucky is serving as the host state.   **Task 5: Progress and Final Reports, Meeting Minutes, Conference Summaries and Freight Study Reports**   * Prepared several ITTS newsletters. * ITTS Conference Call for Stakeholders to discuss workplan |
| **Anticipated work next quarter**:  **Task 1: Network Development**   * Begin work on ITTS network based on LATTS network * Identify Software partnerships for ITTS Member states for network analysis   **Task 2: Data Development**   * Continue working on Data integration efforts   **Task 3: Communications, Training and Education**   * Assist Mississippi on legislative initiatives * Presentations at TRB Annual Meeting * Speak at State requested meetings   **Task 4: Meetings**   * Host the ITTS Freight Conference   **Task 5: Progress and Final Reports, Meeting Minutes, Conference Summaries and Freight Study Reports**   * ITTS newsletters * Update ITTS website |
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| **Significant Results:**  Given the transit to the new workplan, most of work was focused on getting the new contract underway and the upcoming ITTS annual meeting. |
| **Circumstance affecting project or budget. (Please describe any challenges encountered or anticipated that**  **might affect the completion of the project within the time, scope and fiscal constraints set forth in the**  **agreement, along with recommended solutions to those problems).** |

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| **Potential Implementation:** |