

State of Wisconsin/Department of Transportation
RESEARCH PROGRESS REPORT FOR THE QUARTER ENDING: March 31, 2006

Program: TPF-5(119)	
Project Title: North Central Pavement Research Coordination Partnership (Frozen Four)	Project ID: 0092-06-40
Administrative Contact: Nina McLawhorn	Sponsor: WHRP
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Approved by COR/Steering Committee: \$25,000	Approved Ending Date: February 22, 2008
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Percent Complete: 21%

Project Description: The purpose of this pooled fund project is to maximize the coordination activities of four states in the upper Midwest. Those states include Wisconsin (the lead state), Minnesota, Michigan and Illinois. This purpose will be accomplished through three activities. Those activities are...

- 1) Development and maintenance of a Frozen Four website
- 2) Coordinate quarterly teleconferences
- 3) Coordinate face-to-face meetings

Progress This Quarter:

(Includes project committee mtgs, work plan status, contract status, significant progress, etc.)

The contract for this pooled fund was signed on February 22, 2006.

- 1) Work to create the Frozen Four website was undertaken by CTC & Associates. The first component of the website created was a skeleton structure. This structure was presented to the partners of the Frozen Four at the first face-to-face meeting on Feb. 23-24. Feedback was accepted from the group and revisions were made. Additionally, a template for the states to use to insert information about their research programs was sent out by CTC and responses were beginning to come back just before the quarter ended. The address for the website is www.frozenfour.us
- 2) No quarterly teleconferences have yet to be scheduled. The reason for this is because it was decided in the first face-to-face meeting that, at least in the beginning, the partnership should meet in person until they get a better hold on the challenges in front of them.
- 3) The first face-to-face meeting occurred on Feb. 23-24, 2006. The details of that meeting are available on the Frozen Four website. At a glance, CTC introduced the website, each of the four states reported out on their state's research programs, the bylaws were created and the next face-to-face meeting was scheduled.

Work Next Quarter:

- 1) Work will continue on completing the website. The lion share of the work will involve incorporating the state's feedback on their research programs into the site.
- 2) No quarterly teleconferences have yet to be scheduled.
- 3) The next face-to-face meeting has been scheduled for May 23, 2006, in Madison, Wisconsin.

Circumstances Affecting Progress/Budget:

None.