

# TRANSPORTATION POOLED FUND PROGRAM

## Quarterly Report

**PROJECT TITLE:** Southeast Transportation Consortium, TPF-5(212) (State Project No. 736-99-1655)

**OBJECTIVES:** STC's objectives are to pool financial, professional, and academic resources to coordinate research and develop improved methods of addressing common problems in the planning, design, construction, maintenance, management, and operation of transportation systems in participating states. The program is intended to supplement ongoing state, federal, and university research activities and other national programs such as the National Cooperative Highway Research Program. It is intended to reduce duplication of research and provide means for better communication of on-going research activities in the state research programs. The cooperative and collaborative objectives of the STC program are to develop synergy and provide for a more efficient use of resources. Specific objectives include

- Plan and conduct meetings to establish research priorities, share research findings, exchange information, and define direction of the organization. Each member may utilize funds for one representative from each organization to participate
- Discuss and screen potential research projects and seek partners from the public, academic, and private sectors to collaborate on these projects and utilize available resources to ensure research is not duplicative
- Conduct research studies
- Communicate and disseminate research results and innovations through the use of communication products such as development and maintenance of a Web site, periodic electronic newsletter, and fact sheets
- Put research results into practice through technology transfer events
- Communicate impacts of the organization's activities to national leaders in transportation

**PERIOD COVERED:** October 2010 to December 2010

**PARTICIPATING AGENCIES:**

Departments of Transportation from the Following States: Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia. Contract is Administered through by Louisiana DOTD.

**PROJECT MANAGER:**

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**LEAD AGENCY:** Louisiana DOTD

**PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR:**

**SP&R PROJECT NO:**

FAP: SPR-0010(033)

**PROJECT IS:**

\_\_\_ Planning

XX Research & Development

**ANNUAL BUDGET:**

\$50,000

**PROJECT EXPENDITURES TO DATE:**

\$ 11,424.10

**WORK COMPLETED:**

- Held 2010 annual meeting in Baton Rouge October 5-7

Continued work on synthesis of member state research programs

- Presented summary report of member state project research projects obtained from the synthesis database at Oct meeting
- Continued input of project abstracts and key words into database
- Members elected to continue to enhance development of database for more user friendly search routine
- Members elected to continue to maintain database for future updates to projects
- Solicited data from non-member state research projects from Florida and South Carolina for synthesis project

Developed Opportunities-for-Collaboration research topics

- Members selected pursue development on a future pooled fund project on Increased use of RAP in asphalt pavements

STC Synthesis Projects

- Prioritized topics for synthesis studies to be undertaken by STC
- Developed process for contracting synthesis studies

**SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES EXPECTED TO BE PERFORMED NEXT QUARTER:**

- Present update of activities at TRB RAC meeting
- Develop and populate STC website
- Continue enhancement of regional research project database search routine
- Establish technical committees for synthesis projects
- Advertise and select contractors for four top ranked synthesis projects
- Add data collection of non-member state research projects from Florida and South Carolina for synthesis project

**STATUS AND COMPLETION DATE:**