

TRANSPORTATION POOLED FUND PROGRAM QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

Lead Agency (FHWA or State DOT): NORTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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.

Transportation Pooled Fund Program Project # <i>(i.e, SPR-2(XXX), SPR-3(XXX) or TPF-5(XXX))</i> SPR-3(099)	Transportation Pooled Fund Program - Report Period: <input type="checkbox"/> Quarter 1 (January 1 – March 31) <input type="checkbox"/> Quarter 2 (April 1 – June 30) <input type="checkbox"/> Quarter 3 (July 1 – September 30) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quarter 4 (October 1 – December 31)	
Project Title: TEL8 Telecommunications System (Transportation Learning Network)		
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Lead Agency Project ID: SPR0003(099)	Other Project ID (i.e., contract #): 17-314-0800	Project Start Date: 8/1/2000
Original Project End Date: Ongoing	Current Project End Date: Ongoing	Number of Extensions: 12

Project schedule status:

On schedule
 On revised schedule
 Ahead of schedule
 Behind schedule

Overall Project Statistics:

Total Project Budget	Total Cost to Date for Project	Total Percentage of Work Completed
\$2,649,027	\$2,095,738	NA

Quarterly Project Statistics:

Total Project Expenses This Quarter	Total Amount of Funds Expended This Quarter	Percentage of Work Completed This Quarter
	\$47,757.29	NA

Project Description:

TLN was developed to serve the transportation interests of the region and complements the efforts of its various members. It provides access to information and expertise not readily available to transportation professionals in the region. TLN identifies, schedules, distributes and warehouses training for its members.

Vision: To excel on a national basis as a premier transportation training organization that serves as a model for other states.

Mission: TLN provides quality and cost-effective customer-driven training utilizing alternative platforms that meet the needs of the state, county, city, tribal and private transportation professionals.

Progress this Quarter (includes meetings, work plan status, contract status, significant progress, etc.):

The following training was offered to all pooled fund members using the three different delivery methods:

Video Conference Training

Seven Habits of Highly Effective People	12/2,9,16/2010	18
Design and Construction of Full Depth Reclamation Bases with Portland Cement	12/1/2010	20
Snow & Ice Control	12/8/2010	70
Warm Mix Asphalt	12/15/2010	149

Webinar

PE Review for Civil Engineers	8/15-10/15/2010	
Making Meetings Work	11/10/2010	27

Online Modules

Bridge Construction Inspection - Inspector Safety		12
Flagger Training		6
High Visibility Garments		9
Materials Testing - Aggregate Sampling		19
Materials Testing - Reducing Aggregate Samples		12
Personal Protective Equipment		9
TCCC Basic Materials		10
Title VI Overview: "Public Funds for Public Benefit"		16

In addition to the above listed training events, the Wyoming Department of Transportation hosted the following training through TLN's video conferencing system to their employees:

Good Judgment on October 27, 2010

Stepping Up on October 28, 2010

Dealing with Difficulty People on December 14, 2010

There were two meetings held over the video conference system between October and December. In October, key personnel from WYDOT, SDDOT, NDDOT and TLN staff held a planning and coordinating meeting. In September, there was TLN staff meeting between Fargo and Bismarck locations.

Anticipated work next quarter:

Offer technical and leadership training through various delivery methods such as video conferencing, webinars and online self-paced learning modules. The National High Institute has given the Transportation Learning Network the ability to load approximately 50 different modules onto a learning management system accessible to all members of the pooled fund and the Mountain Plains Consortium.

Significant Results:

The Transportation Learning Network opened a search to fill the position of Director. The search was completed and Timothy Horner joined the staff of TLN as its director. Horner replaced Julie Rodriguez who resigned in December of 2009.

Tim comes to TLN with 30+ years of experience with the North Dakota Department of Transportation.

Circumstance affecting project or budget (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).

None.