**TRANSPORTATION POOLED FUND PROGRAM**

**QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT**

Date: 19 October 2011

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(025) | | **Transportation Pooled Fund Program - Report Period:**  □Quarter 1 (January 1 – March 31)  XQuarter 2 (April 1 – June 30)  □Quarter 3 (July 1 – September 30)  □Quarter 4 (October 1 – December 31) | |
| **Project Title:**  **Latin American Trade and Transportation Studies** | | | |
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| **Lead Agency Project ID:**  **700-99-0416** | **Other Project ID (i.e., contract #):**  **2000004871/H.005319.5** | | **Project Start Date:**  **9 July 2007** |
| **Original Project End Date:**  **8 July 2010** | **Current Project End Date:**  **30 June 2012** | | **Number of Extensions:**  **1** |

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** |
| $2,330,000 | $1,994,000 | 80% |

***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** |
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| **Project Description**:  OBJECTIVES: Create the Institute for Trade and Transportation Studies – ITTS – (LATTS Phase III)  The Institute will include but not be limited to analytical and coordinative services to:  1. Provide trade and transportation related information to member state agencies based on information obtained in  previous phases of LATTS.  2. Coordinate the dissemination, review, and analysis of information on forecasts of trade and transportation to state  agencies and the FHWA.  Assist state agencies in developing work statements, data collection frameworks, specialized trade & transportation  related analysis among states, plus other items not listed here. |

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| **Progress this Quarter (includes meetings, work plan status, contract status, significant progress, etc.):**  Submitted two book chapters on dryports for an upcoming book on connecting ports to inland markets will be published later this year.  Published several ITTS newsletters, including updating all the state statistics pages for exports and international trade.  Spoke on freight activities at the Southern growth policy Board annual meeting, American Association of state Port Authorities meeting on Communicating the Value of Infrastructure, the Arkansas Planning conference, the Panama Canal and its Association with Kentucky, and the I-TED meeting in West Virginia.  Attended the Inland Rivers, Ports and Terminals meeting and the M-10 Corridor meeting (at request of Mississippi DOT), Climate change and freight meeting at Vanderbilt University (invited)  Meet with the following states DOTs in their respective offices: AR, TN, SC, VA, WV and KY.  Began organizational work on upcoming rail scan with CSX, ITTS Freight in the Southeast conference, and July 21-22 ITTS Advisory Council meeting in Baton Rouge. |
| **Anticipated work next quarter**:  ITTS Advisory council meeting in Baton rouge  Presentations on Freight in the Southeast and the TRB Summer meeting and the AASHTO/FHWA Freight Partnership  Meeting.  ITTS Board of directors Meeting at SASHTO.  Smart Rivers conference (organizing committee and moderator)  Continue to organize freight kin the Southeast Conference with Virginia DOT and the Rail Intermodal scan.  Complete Freight study for AR and KY as well as update other freight studies. |

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| **Significant Results:**  Have organized two Freight in the Southeast Conferences.  Organized a domestic rail scan fro members along the Heartland Corridor.  Published several articles in peer reviewed and international publications on freight transportation.  Assisted in two delegations to visit the Panama canal.  Frequent speaker on freight and economic development issues regionally, nationally and internationally.  Visited and supported states as requested. |
| **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:** |