**TRANSPORTATION POOLED FUND PROGRAM**

**QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT**

Date: 20 May 2013

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:****X**  Quarter 1 (January 1 – March 31)□Quarter 2 (April 1 – June 30)□Quarter 3 (July 1 – September 30)□Quarter 4 (October 1 – December 31) |
| **Project Title:****Institute for Trade and Transportation Studies - ITTS** |
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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 |  $66,160.85 |  7% |

***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** |
| $66,160.85 (4%) | $51,314.40 | 7% |

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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*** Begin work on ITTS network based on LATTS network
* Began Negotiation with Transcad and Member states on the right software platform to use for sharing regional datasets
* Purchased Tableauview for Regional Data integration and visualization

**Task 2: Data Development*** Developed FAF and Corps O-D Databases, as well as State international Trade database linkages
* Updated all the International Trade Statistics on Website

**Task 3: Communications, Training and Education*** Presentations at TRB Annual Meeting on Benefit Cost analysis
* Presentations:35th Annual KY Transportation Conference, MS Senate (in Chambers), NOBOT Panama Canal Expansion, 2013 Louisiana Transportation Conference, the Delta Regional Authority’s Delta Leadership Institute
* ITTS provided special assistance as requested for West Virginia, Louisiana, Mississippi (freight plan review/data, spoke to State Senate Committee), and Georgia.

**Task 4: Meetings*** Hosted the ITTS Freight Conference in Louisville, KY, which included an ITTS member meeting

**Task 5: Progress and Final Reports, Meeting Minutes, Conference Summaries and Freight Study Reports*** ITTS newsletters
* Update ITTS website
* ITTS hosted the Freight Conference in Partnership with the Mid America Freight Coalition. Kentucky served as the host state.
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| **Anticipated work next quarter**: **Task 1: Network Development*** Deliver the LATTS network to Member States

**Task 2: Data Development*** Work on data sharing partnerships for ITTS Member states to assist in modeling efforts

**Task 3: Communications, Training and Education** * Develop State export reports and other state specific freight materials

**Task 4: Meeting*** Begin organizing the ITTS Summer meeting, in partnership with the FHWA/AASHTO Freight meeting

**Task 5: Progress and Final Reports, Meeting Minutes, Conference Summaries and Freight Study Reports** * Begin work on ITTS Summer meeting, including work on LATTS Regional Network for Freight Modeling
* Update Statistics on ITTS website
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| **Significant Results:**Publications: Monios, J., Lambert, B. (2013). The Heartland intermodal corridor: public private partnerships and the transformation of institutional settings. Journal of Transport Geography, 27(1), 36-45.  |
| **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:**  |