**TRANSPORTATION POOLED FUND PROGRAM**

**QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT**

Date: 31 October 2014

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:**□ Quarter 1 (January 1 – March 31)□Quarter 2 (April 1 – June 30)X 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:****13-ITTS** | **Other Project ID (i.e., contract #):****2000004871/H.005319.5** | **Project Start Date:** **1 Dec 2012** |
| **Original Project End Date:** **30 Jun 2017** | **Current Project End Date:** **30 Jun 2017** | **Number of Extensions:** **0** |

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** |
| $1,519,083 |  $474,287.79 |  37% |

***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** |
| $474,287.79 (31%) | $71,620.83 | 37% |

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| **Project Description**:OBJECTIVES:  **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.):**1. Network* No substantial work on network. Louisiana Department of Transportation worked out a process to fund large expenditures for ITTS research so this will be a major area of work next quarter.

2. Data * Working with Tableau View to set up online repository for States
* Integrating international trade data for ITTS member state use
* Data discussions with the Virginia DOT regarding prioritizing freight data research

3. Communications* Participated at the SASHTO meeting, which included speaking on a panel, briefing the ITTS Board
* of Directors, and informal meetings with ITTS member states
* ITTS Newsletter published
* Speech on Regional Corridors at SASHTO
* Begin work on ITTS 2015 Conference with Mississippi
* Review all state reimbursements for travel related to summer meeting
* Participated in Meeting of the Mississippi River Cities & Towns Initiative

4. Service to States* Meet with Florida DOT Staff to discuss policy and institutional responses to Autonomous Vehicles while at the SASHTO Meeting
* Meet with MDOT staff in Jackson to layout work plan for ITTS Conference
* Was asked to review and promote the Kentucky Rail Plan to various groups
* Reviewed and commented on Virginia Truck parking study
* Phone call with West Virginia on ITTS workplan, and meet new WV Port Director
* Attended LA FAC meeting in Baton Rouge

5. Related Tasks* Reviewed TRB papers submitted to annual meeting
* Contributed on book chapter, “A Review of Public and Private Intermodal Railroad Development in the Memphis Region” with Dan Pallerme, University of Memphis, and Chad Miller, University of Southern Mississippi, for upcoming book on “Operational Constraints on Effective Governance of Intermodal Transport”.
* Coauthored paper with Chad Miller on “Seventy-Five Years of Transportation Administration Becoming Public Administration”, published in Public Works Management & Policy.
* Approved to work in advisory role on Reshoring Study on Transportation grant awarded to University of Southern Mississippi by United State Department of Transportation Research and Innovative Technology Administration
* Organized the ITTS Work meeting in Atlanta
* Continued follow-up work from August 7th meeting (invoices, work plan update, etc.)
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| **Anticipated work next quarter**: Network* Finalize clear workplan on updating the ITTS network for member state analysis
* Begin work with states on Routable Regional network
* Have states approve draft ITTS Network
* Set up small working group to discuss network studies and application to ITTS member states

Data* Continue to work on data integration and data outlining for planning related research
* Train states on accessing data through Tableauview

Communications* Speech for the Conference of Mayors regarding international trade competitiveness
* Update ITTS newsletter
* Set up webinar on Freight Advisory Councils for member states to discuss proposals, activities
* Continue organizing the ITTS meeting, including site visits to Jackson and Biloxi, for next year

Service to States* Review State freight plan for Missouri and Mississippi DOT
* Meet with Virginia DOT

Related Tasks* Approve the ITTS workplan
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| **Significant Results:** * Had workplan meeting in Atlanta in August, and presented a summarized version of this to the ITTS Board of Directors at the SASHTO meeting.
* Have done specific work for states as directed
* Beginning work on ITTS Freight in the Southeast Conference with Mississippi DOT
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| **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:**  |