**TRANSPORTATION POOLED FUND PROGRAM**

**QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT**

Date: 30 April 2015

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:**  **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** | **$602,477.35** | **51%** |

***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** |
| **$602,477.35 (40%)** | **$68,569.38** | **51%** |

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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.):**  Network   * Began working on the CDMSmith contract concerning developing a regional freight model.   Data   * Organized workshop on transportation data for State DOTs at the ITTS Freight in the Southeast Conference   Communications   * Participated in New Orleans Board of Trade meetings and World Trade Center meetings * Organized AASHTO outreach events to member states * Published ITTS newsletters * ITTS Conference in Biloxi. Conference materials posted on the ITTS Website. * Spoke at TRB on inland waterway analysis * Attend TRB meeting and related local/national freight meetings   Service to States   * Spoke on Panel at MS River State DOT Workshop - March 5th, St. Louis, MO at request of Missouri DOT * Spoke at Missouri Chamber of Commerce Transportation on the Panama Canal at the request of Missouri DOT * Meet with Missouri DOT staff to discuss ITTS related work items * Attending Intermodal Meetings in Jackson, Mississippi   Related Tasks   * Book chapter submission, “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, was published in Research in Transportation Business & Management, Volume 14, March 2015, Pages 44–55 (http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S221053951400073X) * Participated in Talking Freight Webinar on Analyzing Regional and Interregional Freight Movements and Infrastructure Investment Decisions, February 2015. * Participated in CFS Planning Meeting at TRB, and related planning activities for the October 2015 workshop |
| **Anticipated work next quarter**:  Network   * Signed contract with CDMSmith for network based freight analytical tool * States review network at Summer meeting   Data   * Provided trade statistics for member states, including both CAFTA-DR and total trade statistics. PowerPoint presentations were completed * Presented session on transportation data for State DOTs at Summer meeting   Communications   * Update ITTS website with trade statistics * Related follow-up from ITTS Conference * Work on new work plan for FY 2016 for member state review * Organize ITTS Summer meeting in Little Rock, Arkansas   Service to States  Related Tasks   * Attended the Critical Commodities Conference in New Orleans * Continued work on the CFS Workshop meeting |
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| **Significant Results:**     * ITTS Freight Conference in Biloxi in March 2015 * Began contract work with CDMSmith for regional network |
| **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:** |