

## Transportation Pooled Fund Program

Project Title: <b>Latin America Trade &amp; Transportation Study Institute (LATTS II / Institute ITTS)</b>		
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Reporting Period: <b>October – December, 2005</b>	Multi-Year Project: <b>Yes</b>	
<p>Description of Work Performed &amp; Progress:</p> <p><i>Please note that the most recent work performed since the previous progress report is indicated in <b>BOLD font</b>...</i></p> <p>The southeastern states (SASHTO) undertook the Latin American Trade and Transportation Study (LATTS) in an attempt to plan for their future freight transportation challenges. To continue the initiative originated by LATTS and LATTS II, the member states decided to form an independent Institute that will continue LATTS' efforts in assisting the member states on freight related transportation issues.</p> <p>The Institute, owned by the region states, will perform specialized analysis and research that individual states would need and could not undertake singularly. The Institute's effectiveness will be in its ability to identify member states with similar needs and to address those needs regionally in a collaborative and cost effective manner. The name of the institute is Institute for Trade and Transportation Studies (ITTS).</p> <p>Domicile: The Institute is to be located in New Orleans, Louisiana, and on temporary basis, will be housed at World Trade Center, 2 Canal Street, Suite 2900, New Orleans, LA 70130-1507.</p> <p>At a recent AASHTO meeting in Nashville, TN., the ITTS Board &amp; Bylaws was approved. At the meeting, Johnny Bradberry, Executive Director of the Louisiana DOT was elected President, <b>Lindo Tippet, Executive Director, North Carolina DOT was elected Vice President</b>, Butch Brown, Executive Director of the Mississippi DOT was elected Secretary/Treasurer, <b>and Harold Linnenkohl, Executive Director of the Georgia DOT was selected as member of the ITTS Executive Committee. The executive committee is finalizing the requirements necessary for an executive director of ITTS and will be advertising for the position during the next reporting period.</b></p> <p><b>We are in the process of finalizing a website for ITTS/LATTS on to be published on MDOT's website. It will be available during the next reporting period. All member states as well as other government entities will be notified once the website is officially online. Presently, the current LATTS website is available online at <a href="http://www.wilbursmith.com/latts/">http://www.wilbursmith.com/latts/</a></b></p>		
<p>Status &amp; Completion Date:</p> <p style="margin-left: 200px;">Percentage of work completed to date for total project: Project is : <u>70</u> % <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> on schedule <input type="checkbox"/> behind schedule, explain:  Expected Completion Date: <u>12/31/2006</u></p>		

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