# TRANSPORTATION POOLED FUND PROGRAM QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

Lead Agency (FHWA or State DOT): \_\_\_\_ IOWA DOT

#### **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.

Transportation Pooled Fund Program Project # TPF-5(183)		Quarter 1 (January 1 Quarter 2 (April 1 – J X Quarter 3 (July 1 –	
Project Title:	r Concrete Devement		
Improving the Foundation Layers for Project Manager:	Phone:	E-ma	il•
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Lead Agency Project ID:	Other Proje	ct ID (i.e., contract #):	Project Start Date:
RT 0314	Addendum 3		3/16/09
Original Project End Date: 3/15/14	Current Pro 12/31/2018	ject End Date:	Number of Extensions: On-going pooled fund project

Project schedule status:

□ On schedule □ On revised schedule □ Ahead of schedu	ule X Behind schedule
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**Overall Project Statistics:** 

Total Project Budget	Total Cost to Date for Project	Total Percentage of Work Completed
\$875,000	\$869,238.50	98

Quarterly Project Statistics:

Total Project Expenses	Total Amount of Funds	Percentage of Work Completed
This Quarter	Expended This Quarter	This Quarter
\$0	\$0	0

#### **Project Description:**

The objective of this research is to improve the construction methods, economic analysis and selection of materials, in-situ testing and evaluation, and development of performance-related specifications for the pavement foundation layers. The outcome of this study will be conclusive findings that make pavement foundations more durable, uniform, constructible, and economical. Although the focus of this research will be PCC concrete pavement foundations, the results will likely have applicability to ACC pavement foundations and, potentially, unpaved roads. All aspects of the foundation layers will be investigated including thickness, material properties, permeability, modulus/stiffness, strength, volumetric stability and durability. Forensic and in-situ testing plans will be conceived to incorporate measurements using existing and emerging technologies (e.g. intelligent compaction) to evaluate performance related parameters as opposed to just index or indirectly related parameter values. Field investigations will be conducted in each participating state. The results of the study will be compatible with each state's pavement design methodology and capable for use with the Mechanistic-Empirical Pavement Design Guide (MEPDG). Evaluating pavement foundation design input parameters at each site will provide a link between what is actually constructed and what is assumed during design. There are many inputs to the pavement design related to foundation layers and this project will provide improved guidelines for each of these. The study will benefit greatly from maximizing the wide range of field conditions possible within the framework of a pooled fund study.

## Progress this Quarter (includes meetings, work plan status, contract status, significant progress, etc.):

No progress this quarter. Awaiting result of October 26<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## Anticipated work next quarter:

- A meeting of the research team has been scheduled for October 26<sup>th</sup> to discuss the technical material being presented in the project's final deliverable. The meeting will involve David White, Peter Taylor, Gordon Smith, Chris Brakke and Todd Hanson.
- A final deliverable will be completed this next quarter.

## Significant Results:

Circumstance affecting project or budget (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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