**TRANSPORTATION POOLED FUND PROGRAM**

**QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT**

Date: 19 February 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)□Quarter 3 (July 1 – September 30)**X** 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 #):****SIO No. 30001060** | **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** |
| $1,592,000 |  $276,801.44 | 21%  |

***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** |
| $276,801.44 (17%) | $58,269.12 | 21% |

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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.):*** Missouri Joined ITTS
* Meet with the following States: Louisiana, Florida, Mississippi, Georgia, Arkansas
* Made many presentations and attended many meetings, including participating in the AASHTO Annual conference in Denver, the American Dream Conference in DC, the Mississippi Mayor’s Meeting, the Nat. Lt. Governors’ Association Executive Committee
* Participated in several meetings with FHWA staff on the Freight Analysis Framework
* Prepared the ITTS newsletter
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| **Anticipated work next quarter**: * Provide assistance to Member States as requested
* Assist states in formulating comments on National Freight Planning Network
* Organize the next ITTS Freight Conference in Tampa
* Update information on state statistics page on ITTS Website
* Transportation Research Board presentations and committee work
* Release dataset on transportation flows to state DOT’s
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| **Significant Results:** Assisted several states on national freight planning comments, and freight advisory council notes  |
| **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).**The heavy travel schedule of the last quarter delayed some of the data work for the national highway information, but a significant amount of work went into the ITTS conference planning sessions.  |

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| **Potential Implementation:** Given the focus on the National Freight Planning Network and the question of federal funding, ITTS will continue to work on integrating the detailed transportation flow data into an assignable network for regional analysis.  |