**TRANSPORTATION POOLED FUND PROGRAM**

**QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT**

Lead Agency (FHWA or State DOT): Wisconsin Department of Transportation

**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 (156) | | **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:**  **Mid-America Freight Coalition Pooled Fund – Member Services 2** | | | |
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| **Lead Agency Project ID:**  **TPF-5(156)** | **Other Project ID (i.e., contract #):**  **TRA 3475291** | | **Project Start Date:**  1**0/1/2012** |
| **Original Project End Date:**  **9/30/2013** | **Current Project End Date:**  **9/30/2013** | | **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** |
| $90,000.00 | $71, 094 | 100% |

***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** |
| $591.79 (.65%) | $591.79 | 100% |

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| **Project Description**:  The Mississippi Valley Freight Coalition was renamed the Mid-America Freight Coalition in 2010.  The goal of this pooled fund is to improve the efficiency of freight movements in the region through inter-jurisdictional cooperation. Through the Mid-America Freight Coalition, the states will work cooperatively in the planning, operation, preservation, and improvement of the freight transportation system infrastructure and engage the public and private sectors in the processes for improving the efficiency of these freight transportation systems.  This Member Service contract entails the services provided to Members of the Coalition which includes coordinating and funding an annual meeting; communication efforts: Web site and newsletter production; and teleconferences/webinars. This contract also provides the administrative support for all MAFC projects.  All MAFC projects currently under contract through this pooled fund include: (see separate quarterly reports)  TPF#5(156) Member Services  MVFC-12: Critical Sections and Resiliency of Freight Corridors in the MVFC (TRA 3468690)  MAFC-13: Regional Freight Study  Completed projects include:  MVFC-01: Regional Freight Transportation Workshop and Meetings  MVFC-02: Logistics for the Public Sector Training Course  MVFC-03: Model Planning Approaches for Freight  MVFC-04: Expanded Truck Parking Facilities  MVFC-05: Planning to Address Regional Freight Bottlenecks  MVFC-06: Study of Mississippi Valley Clearinghouse of Freight Traveler Information  MVFC-07: Mississippi Valley Freight Coalition Workshop on Responding to National Transportation Initiatives  MAFC 08- Outreach Materials - Status  MVFC-09: Develop Regional Recommendations for Reauthorization  MAFC-10: Transportation Profiles for MVFC Commodities and Industries TRJ 03450830  MAFC-11: Performance Measures for Evaluating Multi-state Projects TRJ 3453255  A new Member Services (2) contract was approved in April 2013. The contract period runs from 10/1/2012 to  9/30/2013. Because a project code was not generated until April, this is the third quarterly report. |

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| **Progress this Quarter (includes meetings, work plan status, contract status, significant progress, etc.):**  MAFC researchers attended the Indiana Logistics Summit October 9, 10, 2013 and gave two presentations to  Indiana DOT staff  MAFC staff participated in a number of calls with FHWA in regard to the Primary Freight Network.  MAFC Staff attended the Wisconsin DOT Governor’s Freight Summit. On November 5, 2013.  Dr. Perry conducted two teleconferences on Friday November 22 to discuss the National, Primary and  Critical Rural Corridors. One was with the MAASTO STIC committee and the other with state representatives.  Staff attended Minnesota’s 17th Annual Freight and Logistics Symposium on Friday, December 6, 2013  A new initiative, MAFC Best Practice Series began on December 13 with a webinar titled, “Institutionalization  of Freight.” Cheryl Ball of Missouri, Jack Kimmerling of Indiana, Craig O’Riley of Iowa and John Tompkins of  Minnesota discussed their efforts to develop freight champions, policies and programs in their agencies.  Also this quarter, initial planning for the MAFC annual meeting to be held in conjunction with the Coalition for  America’s Gateways and Corridors was conducted. Dr. Perry began working with a steering committee of MAFC  Member States to come up with content for a workshop for the states.  Continued communication with state representatives on federal policy news, webinar announcements. Continued updating web site with relevant information.  MAFC researchers attended the Wisconsin Rail Conference. |
| **Anticipated work next quarter**:  Continue updating web site with relevant content.  Continue planning for Annual Meeting to be held in Chicago in April. |

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| **Significant Results:**  NA |
| **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).**  An additional $30,000 was added to this contract on 10/25/2013 to cover summer expenses from the Freight Partnership V meeting held in Chicago in August 2013. Any balance will roll over to a new MAFC member services  contract. |

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| **Potential Implementation** |