**TRANSPORTATION POOLED FUND PROGRAM**

**QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT**

Date: 20 October 2011

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(025) | | **Transportation Pooled Fund Program - Report Period:**  □Quarter 1 (January 1 – March 31)  □Quarter 2 (April 1 – June 30)  XQuarter 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:**  **700-99-0416** | **Other Project ID (i.e., contract #):**  **2000004871/H.005319.5** | | **Project Start Date:**  **9 July 2007** |
| **Original Project End Date:**  **8 July 2010** | **Current Project End Date:**  **30 June 2012** | | **Number of Extensions:**  **1** |

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** |
| $2,330,000 | $1,994,000 | 80% |

***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** |
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| **Project Description**:  OBJECTIVES: Create the Institute for Trade and Transportation Studies – ITTS – (LATTS Phase III)  The Institute will include but not be limited to analytical and coordinative services to:  1. Provide trade and transportation related information to member state agencies based on information obtained in  previous phases of LATTS.  2. Coordinate the dissemination, review, and analysis of information on forecasts of trade and transportation to state  agencies and the FHWA.  Assist state agencies in developing work statements, data collection frameworks, specialized trade & transportation  related analysis among states, plus other items not listed here. |

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| **Progress this Quarter (includes meetings, work plan status, contract status, significant progress, etc.):**  Organized July meeting in Baton Rouge to outline the future workplan for ITTS. Member states sent representatives for the day and half meeting. Had several conference calls after the meeting to develop the ITTS Statement of Work for review by the ITTS member States, which was presented at the SASHTO annual meeting.  Published several ITTS newsletters, including updating all the state statistics pages for exports and international trade. Also finished GIS export maps for each member state. Work was preformed under contract to Wilbur Smith.  Attended the SASHTO Annual meeting in Louisville, KY. Participated in ITTS Board of Directors meeting as well as made presentation on the Panama Canal and regional freight movements.  Spoke at the following conferences: West Virginia DOT/FHWA/MPO Freight meeting    Peer Reviewed Papers for TRB Annual Meeting and International Association of Maritime Economist Annual Conference.  Provide assistant to Georgia on Freight Study and had on-site visits in Louisiana and West Virginia.  Attended the FHWA/AASHTO Freight Partnership meeting in Kansas City, MO, the GICA annual meeting, and the Tenn-Tom annual meeting, (where I had additional discussions with State representatives from Alabama, Mississippi, Kentucky and Tennessee.)  Was a partnering organization of Smartrivers, as well as moderated a panel and spoke on multimodal freight planning.  Also participated in with Corps Staff on waterway analysis and multimodal freight studies.  Began ITTS Freight in the Southeast conference with Virginia as the Host State. |
| **Anticipated work next quarter**:  Complete Freight study for AR and KY as well as update other freight studies.  Continue organization of Freight in the Southeast Conference  Finalize ITTS Statement of Work for period beginning July 2012.  Participate in AASHTO Annual meeting, as well as other regional conferences (AAPA, Mississippi Planning Conference)  Update the ITTS Website |

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| **Significant Results:**  Visited and supported states as requested. This includes providing data and analysis, travel to member states, written reports, and comments as requested.  Organized two Freight in the Southeast Conferences.  Organized a domestic rail scan for members along the Heartland Corridor.  Published several articles in peer reviewed and international publications on freight transportation.  Assisted in two delegations to visit the Panama canal.  Frequent speaker on freight and economic development issues regionally, nationally and internationally. |
| **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:** |