**TRANSPORTATION POOLED FUND PROGRAM**

**QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT**

Date: 3 April 2012

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)  □Quarter 3 (July 1 – September 30)  XQuarter 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.):**  Worked with member states on finalizing the ITTS Strategic Plan for the next five years.  Attended Governor’s conference on Transportation in Virginia, as well as participated in various planning meetings with Virginia DOT on the ITTS Conference.  Work began in earnest on organizing the ITTS Conference, including securing a hotel room, conference promotion, arranging speakers, etc.  Provided technical assistance to Georgia DOT for their upcoming Freight study. Other states requested information and continued to work on KY freight study.  Travel plans included speaking at the International Association of Maritime Economist meeting on the role of ports in modern transportation systems as well as speaking at the AASHTO Annual meeting on regional studies, trade between Mexico and Kentucky, and the Panama Canal.  Ongoing outreach efforts included the ITTS newsletter, updating the Website and other materials    Published “The directional development of intermodal freight corridors in relation to inland terminals” in Journal of Transport Geography, Volume 19, Issue 6 as a coauthor with Gordon Wilmsmeier and Jason Monios. |
| **Anticipated work next quarter**:  Hold the Annual ITTS Freight in the Southeast Conference.    Continue to support work for member states, including reports, writing and technical assistance.  Continue to work with Louisiana DOTD on ITTS future work efforts and network modeling activities  Released 2011 Conference Summary |

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| **Significant Results:** |
| **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:** |