**TRANSPORTATION POOLED FUND PROGRAM**

**QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT**

Date: 11 April 2017

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:**X Quarter 1 (January 1 – March 31)□ Quarter 2 (April 1 – June 30)□Quarter 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:****13-ITTS** | **Other Project ID (i.e., contract #):****2000004871/H.005319.5** | **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** |
| $1,519,083 |   |   |

***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:**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.):**Network* SHIFT model training was provided at the ITTS Conference. Contract approved by member states

Data* Continued work on Tableau data for ITTS member states
* FEAT outreach for member states concerning economic data

Meetings* Organized the ITTS Freight in the Southeast Conference in Savannah Georgia. All materials are posted online.
* Attended TRB annual meeting in Washington, D.C. Meet individually with several ITTS members and attended various committee meetings and in-person visits with various people at USDOT.
* Attended local meetings with various transportation groups in New Orleans

Communications* ITTS newsletter

Service to States* Provided conference summary update to Georgia DOT
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| **Anticipated work next quarter**:Network*

Data* Tableau for State DOT’s – initial State/Corridor Dashboards available to states with training materials
* Develop more training materials for State DOTs

Meetings* ITTS Peer Meeting in Irvine, CA

Communications* ITTS newsletter
* Publish paper on 3d Printing
* FEAT training sessions
* Container on Barge literature review draft
* ITTS Conference summary report

Service to States* Participate in Mississippi Freight Advisory Council Meeting
* Invited travel to Arkansas for a presentation and training
* Invited travel to Florida DOT
* Meet with Georgia DOT
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| **Significant Results:** * Members approved ITTS contract with CDMSmith for completion of SHIFT model
* FEAT Model training was initially demonstrated to Member states at ITTS Conference
* ITTS Freight in the Southeast Conference
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| **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:**  |