

ENTERPRISE Pooled Fund Study – Iowa Lead State Transition Letter / Final Report

Introduction:

This memorandum serves as a Final Report of the ENTERPRISE Transportation Pooled Fund (TPF-3(020)), administered by the Iowa Department of Transportation (Iowa DOT) from 1999 to 2009.

Background of ENTERPRISE:

ENTERPRISE was established in 1991 through an agreement between four U.S. states with common interests in Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS). Its main purpose is to develop and carry out a joint research program to develop, evaluate, and deploy ITS technologies. Each year, members contribute funds in support of ITS projects of mutual interest, to develop an annual work plan. These projects typically involved private sector partners working with designated member agencies. The original Program Administration agency was Arizona DOT.

ENTERPRISE grew into a multi-national consortium dedicated to the advancement of ITS. Its current partners include active ITS states from across the U.S., as well as Canadian and European agencies. ENTERPRISE provides a focus for coordinating ITS developments and for sharing results within and outside the program. The Administration agency transferred from Arizona DOT to Colorado DOT approximately 1992-1993. In 1999, the Administrative agency transferred from Colorado DOT to Iowa DOT.

Objectives of the ENTERPRISE Program:

The objectives of the ENTERPRISE Program, while administered by the Iowa DOT, were as follows:

- Investigate and promote ITS approaches and technologies that are compatible with other national and international ITS initiatives.
- Support the individual ITS program plans of ENTERPRISE participants.
- Provide a mechanism to support multistate and international project cooperation and technical information interchange.
- Facilitate the formation of public-private partnerships for appropriate program activities.
- Pursue emerging ITS project opportunities in areas of interest to the group.
- Provide test beds in a variety of environments and locations for emerging ITS technologies.
- Identify common needs within the group and proceed with appropriate technical activities.

Accomplishments of the ENTERPRISE Program:

While the ENTERPRISE Program was administered by Iowa DOT, the program developed annual work plans for each year from 1999 to 2009 when the transition to Michigan DOT began. Each work plan included:

- Activities to promote information exchange and sharing of best practices among member agencies;
- Activities to support member agency in-person meetings for collaboration and project participation; and
- Technical projects as proposed by member agencies and voted on by the Steering Committee, consisting of one member from each active agency.

The technical projects ranged from small research oriented projects to larger multi-year (spanning multiple work plans) projects. A total of approximately 31 projects were completed during the period when ENTERPRISE was administered by Iowa DOT. These projects are summarized on the current ENTERPRISE website at the following direct link: http://www.enterprise.prog.org/Projects/2002_2009/2002_2009_projects.html

The ENTERPRISE Program was funded by member contributions. A minimum contribution of \$25,000 (increased to \$30,000 during the 10 year period) was required of all member agencies. In addition, members had the option to contribute additional funds, either for specific projects or to add funds to the pool of funding. The total number of active member agencies varied each year. A total of \$1,295,000 was committed and received by the Pooled Fund.

Transition to New Administrative Agency:

Starting in 2009, the ENTERPRISE Pooled Fund transitioned to a pooled fund led by Michigan DOT with a Project Number of TPF-5(231). TPF-5(231) is now fully operational, and a summary of the pooled fund can be found at <http://www.enterprise.prog.org>.