

## TRANSPORTATION POOLED FUND PROGRAM QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

Date: June 30, 2023

Lead Agency (FHWA or State DOT): Indiana DOT

**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.*

<b>Transportation Pooled Fund Program Project #</b> <i>(i.e., SPR-2(XXX), SPR-3(XXX) or TPF-5(XXX))</i>  <u><b>TPF 5-281/TPF 5-436</b></u>		<b>Transportation Pooled Fund Program - Report Period:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Quarter 1 (January 1 – March 31) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quarter 2 (April 1 – June 30) <input type="checkbox"/> Quarter 3 (July 1 – September 30) <input type="checkbox"/> Quarter 4 (October 1 – December 31)	
<b>Project Title:</b> <b>Center for the Aging Infrastructure: Steel Bridge Research, Inspection, Training and Education Engineering Center – S-BRITE</b>			
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<b>Lead Agency Project ID:</b>		<b>Other Project ID (i.e., contract #):</b>	<b>Project Start Date:</b> 9/1/2013
<b>Original Project End Date:</b> 10/1/2015		<b>Current Project End Date:</b> INDEFINITE	<b>Number of Extensions:</b> None

Project schedule status:

On schedule     
  On revised schedule     
  Ahead of schedule     
  Behind schedule

Overall Project Statistics:

Total Project Budget	Total Cost to Date for Project	Percentage of Work Completed to Date**
<b>\$1,865,000*</b>	<b>\$1,449,224</b>	<b>90%</b>

Quarterly Project Statistics:

Total Project Expenses and Percentage This Quarter	Total Amount of Funds Expended This Quarter	Total Percentage of Time Used to Date**
<b>\$87,722</b>	<b>4.7%</b>	<b>90%</b>

\*Additional partners have joined S-BRITE and others have renewed participation, hence total project budget has increased.

\*\*Since end date has been extended, project percentages have been updated (estimates)

**Project Description:**

The objective is to develop the Steel Bridge Research, Inspection, Training, and Education Engineering Center (S-BRITE Engineering Center) focused on existing steel highway bridges. This National Center will be the first of its kind and will become the leading education, training, research, and engineering center related to all aspects affecting the existing aging steel bridge and structure inventory. Although the Center will be focused on highway bridges, it will also support stakeholders of steel railroad bridges as well as steel ancillary structures, such as lighting towers and sign supports. The Center will contribute to improved asset management decisions for DOTs, FHWA, and other partners relative to existing steel bridge inventory.

This impact will be realized through:

- Research
- Training
- Technical Support

**Progress this quarter (includes meetings, work plan status, contract status, significant progress, etc.):**

- Continued to provide DEN support to all partners;
- Continued to provide support to partners as related to the December 2021 FHWA Memo on T1 steel through a webinar on January 24;
- Offered training for partner states.
- Continued coordinating performance testing efforts related to T1 steel issues with various partner states;
- Submitted second draft of S-BRITE NSTM equivalent training to FHWA for review after receiving initial comments. The FHWA has not provided a timeline to complete their review of this second submission so at present, S-BRITE is in a holding pattern regarding course approval and/or receiving subsequent review comments.
- Continued with efforts for development of performance testing criteria for ultrasonic inspection of CJP welds
- Completed testing of various T1 steel specimens in conjunction with efforts with the University of Missouri as part of the Special S-BRITE effort on this topic.
- S-BRITE welcomed Ms. Chelsea Cummings as an administrative assistant. Chelsea is already providing valuable support to the center.

**Anticipated work next quarter:**

- Continue support that efforts to support states in performance testing efforts as part of the testing required per the FHWA T1 memo.
- Offer S-BRITE training to various partners.
- Work with FHWA to obtain approval for S-BRITE equivalent NSTM training.
- Continue to develop final scope for field testing of Fort Pierre Bridge in SD to be done as special S-BRITE Task;

**Significant Results:**

1. Training of employees from several State DOT.
2. DEN support has provided solutions to various DOT problems.
3. S-BRITE research results are being disseminated

**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).**

**Potential Implementation:**

S-BRITE continues to have tremendous impact and benefit for owners, designers, and fabricators of steel bridges.