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Transportation Learning Network (TLN) FHWA Regional Pooled Fund Study Quarterly Progress Report SPR-3(099)

April – June 2009 (Quarter 4)

Quarter 4 wraps up the training for fiscal year 2009 (July 2008 through June 2009). A variety of leadership and technical training was offered during Quarter 4. Each event is listed below with the date, title, length and number of participants. These events reached over 500 individuals during the three month reporting period. Audience participation covered five states: North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming, Utah and Montana.

April events included the tenth and eleventh sessions in the Personal Finance series—"Planning Your Retirement" and "Retirement Income Sources and Distribution," a two-day (April 1 and 2) Crucial Conversations course, a leadership series workshop entitled "Hiring Smart," and a Franklin Covey one-hour Brown Bag video "Discussing Performance." Technical training included a two-day "ATSSA Traffic Control Design Specialist" course for individuals charged with the evaluation, development and implementation of a traffic control plan (TCP). The "Bridge Maintenance" workshop provided technical details of typical bridge repair, creative problem solving, demonstrated proven bridge repair techniques, benefits gained from good maintenance practices, enhanced skills of bridge maintenance personnel and provided resources for bridge maintenance. April closed with the "Tractor/Mower Operator Safety Training" workshop. Training covered being a responsible operator, safety management of hazards and risks, safety operations, equipment inspection, and more.

May training included a Franklin Covey Brown Bag video entitled "Working With You is Killing Me," a leadership series workshop entitled "Managing Stress," and the twelfth and thirteen sessions in the Personal Finance Series—"Estate Conservation" and "Happily Ever After." The "Corrugated Steel Pipe: Perception vs. Reality" session discussed the Federal Highway Administration's recently implemented criteria whereby alternative pipe types are to be bid on all projects funded with any federal monies.

June events started with the final course in the leadership series for FY 2009, "Dealing with Difficult People." The fiscal year closed with a Franklin Covey Brown Bag video, "We're on the Same Team, Remember?"

Quarter 4 closed out the academic semester. Students from North Dakota State University, South Dakota State University, University of Utah, and the University of Wyoming completed the "Public Transportation" graduate course offered through NDSU every Monday afternoon.

All events are listed on the Transportation Learning Network's monthly calendars found at www.translearning.org.

Programming Summary

No. of Events		Hours Offered	Total Participants
16		95.5	527

Date	Event	Length	Participants
(1/12/2009)	Graduate Course: Public Transportation	11	10
4/1/2009	Crucial Conversations	16	11
4/9/2009	Personal Finance: Planning Your Retirement	2.5	12
4/13/2009	ATSSA Traffic Control Design Specialist	16	41
4/22/2009	Bridge Maintenance	8	96
4/23/2009	Franklin Covey Brown Bag: Discussing Performance	1	8
4/23/2009	Personal Finance: Retirement Income Sources and Distribution	2.5	25
4/29/2009	Hiring Smart	8	27
4/30/2009	Tractor/Mower Operator Safety Training	6	142
5/5/2009	Corrugated Steel Pipe: Perception vs. Reality	1.5	41
5/7/2009	Personal Finance: Estate Conservation	2.5	22
5/13/2009	Managing Stress	8	32
5/19/2009	Franklin Covey Brown Bag: Working With You is Killing Me	1	19
5/21/2009	Personal Finance: Happily Ever After	2.5	8
6/3/2009	Dealing with Difficult People	8	21
6/8/2009	Franklin Covey Brown Bag: We're on the Same Team, Remember?	1	12

Expenditures

	Pooled Fund (DOTs)
Salaries	\$39,847.76
Training	\$32,737.00
Network	\$12,708.82
Operating	\$1,043.37
TOTAL	\$86,336.95

Coordinator Meetings

April 21, 2009

Reported on recent events and reviewed upcoming schedule.

Report on the TLN Board held April 15-16 in Fargo.

Julie Rodriguez updated the group on the status and "Go Live" date for the learning management system.

May 19, 2009

Reported recent events and reviewed upcoming schedule. The FOCUS scheduled for May 20 is cancelled.

Julie Rodriguez is working on the FY 2010 calendar.

TLN has purchased a 50-seat license to WebEx as a tool for web conferencing.

The group was updated on the status, training and "Go Live" date for the learning management system. Training held in Bismarck June 11-12.

Rodriguez spoke to the group about e-learning and how it could impact the TLN programming.

June 9, 2009

Reported recent events and reviewed upcoming schedule. First event for FY 2010 is the PE Exam Review taught by Peter Martin scheduled for August.

Rodriguez informed the group that the WebEx service is in place. She also discussed the different audio options available for web conferencing.

The group was updated on the status, training and "Go Live" date for the learning management system. Training held in Bismarck June 11-12. There was a discussion on Phase II implementation (months from now).

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