

TRANSPORTATION POOLED FUND PROGRAM QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

Lead Agency: Utah Department of Transportation

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.

Transportation Pooled Fund Program Project # TPF-5(558)		Transportation Pooled Fund Program - Report Period: <input type="checkbox"/> Quarter 1 (January 1 – March 31, 2025) <input type="checkbox"/> Quarter 2 (April 1 – June 30, 2025) <input type="checkbox"/> Quarter 3 (July 1 – September 30, 2025) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quarter 4 (October 1 – December 31, 2025)	
Project Title: Western Alliance for Quality Transportation Construction (WAQTC) 2026-2029			
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Lead Agency Project ID: FINET 42125, PIN 22908	Other Project ID (i.e., contract #): 1 st UDOT Contract No. 26-8409	Project Start Date: June 11, 2025 (pooled fund) January 8, 2026 (1 st contract)	
Original Project End Date: December 31, 2029 (pooled fund)	Current Project End Date: December 31, 2026 (1 st contract SOW) December 31, 2029 (pooled fund)	Number of Extensions: 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
Total commitments = \$250,000.00 Current obligated funds = \$50,000.00 Current AC funds available = \$210,000.00 1 st contract amount = \$247,864.92 Fund balance not on contract = \$11,256.32	\$0.00 (from 1 st contract) \$878.76 (contract management)	Goals are ongoing, no end date

Quarterly Project Statistics:

Total Project Expenses and Percentage This Quarter	Total Amount of Funds Expended This Quarter	Total Percentage of Time Used to Date
0% (1 st contract)	\$0.00 (1 st contract)	12% (project)

Project Description:

WAQTC is focused in three main areas: Standardizing test methods (WAQTC, AASHTO, and ASTM), accreditation of the Transportation Technician Qualification Program (TTQP), and working together on national programs of significance including research, training, and technology deployment. Refer to the WAQTC website: <https://www.waqtc.org/>

The WAQTC Mission Statement is to: "Provide leadership in the pursuit of continuously improving quality in transportation construction." An Executive Board consisting of at least one representative of each member agency governs the WAQTC. Through our partnership, we will:

- promote an atmosphere of trust, cooperation, and communication between government agencies and the private sector
- respond in a unified and consistent manner to identified quality improvement needs and new technologies that impact the products that we provide
- provide a forum to promote uniform test standards
- provide highly skilled, knowledgeable materials sampling and testing technicians
- provide reciprocity for Qualified testing technicians among accredited Agencies

TPF-5(558) funds the continued development and refinement of the TTQP, including:

- Maintaining and revising the six existing WAQTC TTQP training and certification courses in coordination with member state agencies;
- Distributing training materials, including training manuals, PowerPoint presentations, and written and practical exams, to member states;
- Maintaining the WAQTC website; and
- Developing and presenting proposed revisions and new standards to the AASHTO Subcommittee on Materials.

June 2025: Note that the new TPF-5(558) pooled fund (initially solicitation #1636) for the 2026-2029 version of the WAQTC is now available on the [pooledfund.org](https://www.pooledfund.org) website. WAQTC partner organizations are encouraged to post their 2026-2029 funding commitments on the new pooled fund number on the TPF website. Then the 2026 funding transfers to UDOT would be expected to start around Oct./Nov. 2025 into early 2026. The minimum expected partner commitment for the new phase is \$10,000 per year, or \$40,000 total. We will transition from TPF-5(476) to the new TPF-5(558) during 2025 and early 2026.

Progress this Quarter (includes meetings, work plan status, contract status, significant progress, etc.)

UDOT selected a consultant for work on the new pooled fund and negotiated the consultant services contract.

Anticipated work next quarter:

- Winter Meeting of the Qualification Advisory Council to review AASHTO specifications, January 26-30, Farmington, UT.
- Review and vetting of proposed AASHTO specifications for changes and revisions to training material.
- Implementation of updated exams and training materials beginning .
- Coordination with AASHTO during and after Mid-Year Meetings.
- Continued implementation work with Kryterion for online "written" exam delivery.

Significant Results:

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Circumstances 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:

- Preparations for updates to AASHTO standards and training and certification materials for the next year.