**TRANSPORTATION POOLED FUND PROGRAM**

**QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT**

Date: 29 March 2012

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(025) | | **Transportation Pooled Fund Program - Report Period:**  XQuarter 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** | | | |
| **Name of Project Manager(s):**  **Thomas Bartkiewicz** | **Phone Number:**  **225-379- 1787** | | **E-Mail**  **Thomas.Bartkiewicz@LA.GOV** |
| **Lead Agency Project ID:**  **700-99-0416** | **Other Project ID (i.e., contract #):**  **2000004871/H.005319.5** | | **Project Start Date:**  **9 July 2007** |
| **Original Project End Date:**  **8 July 2010** | **Current Project End Date:**  **30 June 2012** | | **Number of Extensions:**  **1** |

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** |
| $2,330,000 | $1,994,000 | 80% |

***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: Create the Institute for Trade and Transportation Studies – ITTS – (LATTS Phase III)  The Institute will include but not be limited to analytical and coordinative services to:  1. Provide trade and transportation related information to member state agencies based on information obtained in  previous phases of LATTS.  2. Coordinate the dissemination, review, and analysis of information on forecasts of trade and transportation to state  agencies and the FHWA.  Assist state agencies in developing work statements, data collection frameworks, specialized trade & transportation  related analysis among states, plus other items not listed here. |

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| **Progress this Quarter (includes meetings, work plan status, contract status, significant progress, etc.):**  Hosted the annual ITTS conference in Virginia, which was attended by over 120 people.  Travel plans included speaking at the Transportation Research Board Annual meeting, invited travel by States to Mississippi, South Carolina and Florida Departments of Transportation to participate in outreach meetings or to brief staff about ITTS activities. At TRP, attended SHRP2 meeting on Freight shipments.  Ongoing outreach efforts include the ITTS newsletter, updating the Website and other materials    Assisting in organizing several meetings for other groups, such as the “Diagnosing the Marine Transportation System: Measuring Performance and Targeting Improvement” for TRB June 26 - 28, 2012 and meeting on Alternative Fuels with Tennessee DOT. |
| **Anticipated work next quarter**:    Continue to support work for member states, including reports, writing and technical assistance.  Continue to work with Louisiana DOTD on ITTS future work efforts. Begin work on summer meeting about the regional modeling exercise.  Release 2012 Conference Summary.  Contributed two papers for upcoming book “Dryports – A Global Perspective: Challenges and Developments in serving hinterlands” to be released  Update ITTS Website statistics on international trade and transportation flows |

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| **Significant Results:** |
| **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:** |