**TRANSPORTATION POOLED FUND PROGRAM**

**QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT**

Date: 1 August 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:**  □Quarter 1 (January 1 – March 31)  XQuarter 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** | | | |
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| **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.):**  Continue to support work for member states, including reports, writing and technical assistance.  Continue to work with Louisiana DOTD on developing ITTS future work efforts. Begin work on summer meeting about the regional modeling exercise to be held on August 7th.  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    ITTS participated in several meetings, including speaking at the AASHTO Spring Meeting on regionalization and discussing what is “freight planning” at the FHWA Freight Planning Meeting in Morgantown, West Virginia (at the request of WV DOT). While in West Virginia, I meet with various groups (WVDOT, the Corps of Engineers Inland Center of Expertise, and the Rahall Institute) to discuss research activities. Spoke at the Global Appalachia meeting in Memphis on connecting interior markets to export markets and visited Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department to talk about freight movement and transportation studies.  “The directional development of intermodal freight corridors in relation to inland terminals,” coauthored with Gordon Wilmsmeier and Jason Monios, was published in the Journal of Transport Geography (Vol 19, Issue 6). |
| **Anticipated work next quarter**:  Participating in meeting on Alternative Fuels in Atlanta, (Aug 6).  Update ITTS Website statistics on international trade and transportation flows.  Finish ITTS Conference report, as well as begin planning on 2013 conference in Louisville, KY.  Continue working on updating ITTS strategic plan with member plans. |

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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:** |