**TRANSPORTATION POOLED FUND PROGRAM**

**QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT**

Date: 30 October 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)  □Quarter 2 (April 1 – June 30)  **X** 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:**  **31 Dec 2012** | | **Number of Extensions:**  **3** |

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.):**  Organized the ITTS Summer Advisory Meeting in Atlanta, where the TAG discussed the ITTS work plan. Worked with Louisiana on follow-up materials related from the meeting.  Updated ITTS Website statistics on international trade and transportation flows.  Began planning on 2013 conference in Louisville, KY. Working with ITTS Member States, and with Kentucky as Host State.  Released the ITTS newsletter and updated the website.  Presentations – Southeast Diesel Collaborative Meeting in Atlanta, Baton Rouge Freight Committee, West Baton Rouge Chamber of Commerce, SASHTO annual meeting. |
| **Anticipated work next quarter**:  Finalize the ITTS work plan and Budget for the upcoming fiscal year.  Finalize various transportation reports for member states.  Prepare materials for the upcoming ITTS conference.  Continue working with AASHTO and other related groups on MAP-21 provisions. |

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| **Significant Results:**    The meeting in Atlanta, hosted by Georgia DOT, served as a forum for member states to discuss the importance of ITTS to the region. The same discussion was carried through to the SASHTO Board of Directors meeting, where ITTS was approved for another five years by eight states (Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Virginia, West Virginia.  The State of Louisiana executed a third contract extension from September 17th until the end of December (pending the availably of funds) to provide continuation until the new ITTS pooled fund study was authorized. |
| **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:** |