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Ms. Debra S. Elston  
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SUBJ: Request for Waiver: TPF Solicitation 1333, Institute for Trade and Transportation Studies - ITTS

Through: Mr. Jamie Setze, FHWA-LA

Dear Ms. Elston:

Louisiana in concert with seven other states in the Southeastern Transportation Alliance has posted a pooled fund study solicitation on the TPF web site for the captioned study. This proposed study is an expansion of TPF-5(025) Latin American Trade and Transportation Study to estimate trade volumes with Latin America and other international trade, evaluate infrastructure investments needed to support growth in international trade, and develop strategies to guide infrastructure investments. The overall goal is to help the Southeastern Transportation Alliance states develop their competitive advantages to capture trade opportunities and the associated economic benefits.

So that the states may use 100 percent State Planning and Research (SPR) funds for the conduct of this study, we are requesting you to approve a waiver of the requirement that states provide matching state funds.

A copy of the prospectus is attached. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me.

Sincerely

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Harold R. Paul, P.E.  
Director

Attachment

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