

TRANSPORTATION POOLED FUND PROGRAM QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

Lead Agency (FHWA or State DOT): [Wisconsin DOT](#)

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(274)	Transportation Pooled Fund Program - Report Period: <input type="checkbox"/> Quarter 1 (January 1 – March 31) <input type="checkbox"/> Quarter 2 (April 1 – June 30) <input type="checkbox"/> Quarter 3 (July 1 – September 30) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quarter 4 (October 1 – December 31)	
Project Title: Mid West Freight Pooled Fund		
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Lead Agency Project ID: 0092-13-10	Other Project ID (i.e., contract #):	Project Start Date: 08/29/2012
Original Project End Date: 08/29/2015	Current Project End Date: 08/29/2015	Number of Extensions:

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
\$600,000	\$0	0%

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%	\$0	8.3%

Project Description:

The Wisconsin DOT is leading a pooled fund to support the National Center for Freight & Infrastructure Research & Education (CFIRE) led by the University of Wisconsin - Madison. Participation in this pooled fund presents an opportunity for states to support a federally designated University Transportation Center by helping scope projects to more readily meet DOT needs and ultimately allow for quickly implemented results in state practice. This pooled fund is in conjunction with RITEC competition to support CFIRE in their national designation. Tennessee DOT shares in this desire to support the project as their UTC partner, University of Tennessee-Memphis.

Desired outcomes impacting

Applied Measurement:

1. A better routing tool for hazardous materials shipments.
2. Guidance for using advanced technologies to improve livability of freight-centric communities.
3. Methods for using non-destructive technologies for safety, maintenance, and cost allocation.
4. A new methodology for processing vessel data in real-time.
5. Identification of transportation infrastructure most at risk in a climate-change scenario.

Desired outcomes influencing Institutional and Organizational Design:

6. Strategies for realigning multimodal freight networks in response to international capacity expansion.
7. Strategies for revitalizing rural economies with shortline rail access.
8. Identification of transportation barriers and opportunities for delivery of local food.
9. Creation of a market for beneficial reuse of waterway dredging materials.

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

- Hosted multiple discussion and planning calls with partners to plan project budget, project investment either with signature project or projects already underway with principal investigator
- Contracted with CFIRE for a tech transfer agreement which included all partners to cover the following activities
 - Printing research results and products
 - Conference planning support
 - Travel and conference attendance for pooled fund related meetings and conferences

Anticipated work next quarter:

- Planned in person meeting at TRB Annual Meeting to discuss project selection, scoping, pooled fund management and other issues as needed.
- Contract with principal investigator of either signature project or project currently underway as per decision of executive Committee.
- Begin research as stated in planned scope or objectives listed above.

Significant Results: Not applicable at this point in project.

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).

RITA originally had a completion date of January 30, 2014. However, we were recently notified that all projects must be under contract by the above date, but completed and all funds spent by September 30, 2016.

Potential Implementation: not yet applicable