**TRANSPORTATION POOLED FUND PROGRAM**

**QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT**

Date: 16 August 2014

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(273) | | **Transportation Pooled Fund Program - Report Period:**  X Quarter 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** | | | |
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| **Lead Agency Project ID:**  **13-ITTS** | **Other Project ID (i.e., contract #):**  **2000004871/H.005319.5** | | **Project Start Date:**  **1 Dec 2012** |
| **Original Project End Date:**  **30 Jun 2017** | **Current Project End Date:**  **30 Jun 2017** | | **Number of Extensions:**  **0** |

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** |
| $1,519,083 | $340,706.64 | 27% |

***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** |
| $340,706.64 (22%) | $63,905.20 | 27% |

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| **Project Description**:  OBJECTIVES: |

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| **Progress this Quarter (includes meetings, work plan status, contract status, significant progress, etc.):**  Network   * Assist states in formulating comments on National Freight Planning Network * Submitted ITTS Submission for National Freight Planning Network   Data   * Webinar on data for USM, was posted on Youtube to discuss framework of research methodology to approach (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ek5X7KpRdKY) * Updated information on state statistics page on ITTS Website   Communications   * Submitted comments on the National Freight Network, in partnership with member states * Worked on the ITTS Conference, including speakers, travel arrangements, and other related events * Worked on ITTS Freight in the Southeast Conference * Organize the next ITTS Freight Conference in Tampa * Prepared the ITTS newsletter   Service to States   * Participated in Freight Planning meetings in Louisiana and Mississippi * Had several conference calls/email exchanges on National Freight Planning Network response * Worked with Florida on ITTS Conference * Arkansas speaking engagement was cancelled because of bad weather   Related Tasks   * Worked with I-95 on work plan reviews * Discussed Regional corridor planning with MAFC * Attended TRB Annual Meeting, moderated session on the Panama Canal expansion * ITTS was a sponsor for the Logistics, Trade and Transportation Symposium in Mississippi (at request of MDOT) (Reviewed papers, moderated and made a presentation on freight planning) * RPC Freight meeting (provided RPC with some help in outlining sources of freight data) * Attended Louisiana COPRI and T&DI at the Port of New Orleans at request of Matt Johns * Wrote draft article on governance for Public Works Management & Policy Journal Special Issue * Appointed to Mississippi Intermodal Council Board of Directors (with approval from MDOT) * Attended Mississippi Intermodal Breakfast |
| **Anticipated work next quarter**:    Network   * Nothing planned. Focusing more on data issues at moment.   Data   * Continue to work on data integration and data outlining for planning related research   Communications   * Follow-up from the ITTS Conference, including closing all accounts) * Review all state reimbursements * Update ITTS Website as necessary after the conference   Service to States   * Assist Louisiana in Developing Freight Session at SASHTO * Working with Florida DOT on updating them on ITTS related freight activities * Providing materials for Mississippi DOT concerning ITTS Conference in 2015 * Organizing Port of Bienville tour for MDOT and LADOTD Staff * Assisted on MoDot freight plan * Set up meetings in West Virginia with WVDOT and the Corps, in addition to my planned speaking engagements * Set up meeting in Arkansas with Arkansas State Highway and Transportation staff, and the Arkansas Waterways as speaking at the TRC & Engineering Conference and meet with Commission and.   Related Tasks   * Moderating session at “The 4th Annual Manufacturing Summit” at Mississippi State. |

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| **Significant Results:**     * Working on the National Freight Network with the member states * The ITTS Freight in the Southeast Conference was held in Tampa, Florida |
| **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:**  Given the focus on the National Freight Planning Network and the question of federal funding, ITTS will continue to work on integrating the detailed transportation flow data into an assignable network for regional analysis. However the inability to secure enough financing to secure consulting services remains a problem. |