

KANSAS DOT RESEARCH PROJECTS QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

Lead Agency (University or Contractor): Kansas 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.

KDOT Project Number RE-0738-01	Transportation Pooled Fund Program - Report Period: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quarter 1 (January 1 – March 31, 2018) <input type="checkbox"/> Quarter 2 (April 1- June 30,2018) <input type="checkbox"/> Quarter 3 (July 1 – Sept 30, 2018) <input type="checkbox"/> Quarter 4 (October – December 31, 2018)	
Project Title: Utilization of Laser Induced Breakdown Spectroscopy for Real-Time Quality Control Monitoring and Characterization of Aggregate Materials Used in Highway Construction using		
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Lead Agency Project ID: RE-0738-01	Other Project ID (i.e., contract #): _____	Project Start Date: July 1, 2017
Original Project End Date: June 30, 2020	Current Project End Date: June 30, 2020	Number of Extensions: 0

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	Total Percentage of Work Completed
\$870,000.	\$212,559.95	24.4%

Quarterly Project Statistics:

Total Project Expenses This Quarter	Total Amount of Funds Expended This Quarter	Percentage of Work Complete This Quarter
\$870,000.	\$50,571.45	5.8%

Project Description:

The primary objectives of this research effort is to develop a near-real-time laser-scanning system to rapidly classify aggregates used in highway construction. The intent is to employ this classification process to

- Quantify specific engineering properties (e.g., acid insoluble residue, soundness, LA Loss, etc.)
- Assess whether an aggregate will pass or fail a defined engineering property test
- Identify and/or quantify the presence of deleterious materials (e.g., ASR, chert, shale, reactive aggregate)
- Determine the composition of blends in stockpiled aggregate
- Determine the source of an unknown aggregate

Six states are part of this TPF program. They include: KS, MD, OK, OH, NY and NM.

Each State is supplying aggregates that will be tested and evaluated to determine the efficacy of the technology; and an AASHTO standard of Practice will be prepared as part of the effort.

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

During this period the new laser scanning system (SLT 2) was transported and set up in the new scanning lab facility. Shakedown testing was initiated and several modifications were made to the system. Additional samples were received from MD, KS and NM. Work on enhancing the software for system operations and analytical modeling are continuing. SLT2 aggregate sample scanning was initiated

Anticipated work next quarter:

SLT 2 operational and system optimization will continue. Aggregate sample scanning of State samples will continue. An upgraded software system will be completed.

Significant Results:

Five of the 6 participating States have completed sample collection and analysis plans SLT 2 fabrication was completed and new system was shipped to the laser scanning lab. Shakedown testing and sample scanning was initiated..

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, with recommended solutions to those problems).

None at this time.