TRANSPORTATION POOLED FUND PROGRAM Quarterly Report

PROJECT TITLE: LATTS - Latin American Trade and Transportation Study & Institute

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.
- 3. Assist state agencies in developing work statements, data collection frameworks, specialized trade & transportation related analysis among states, plus other items not listed here.

PERIOD COVERED: July 2007 - December 2007

PARTICIPATING AGENCIES:
Departments of Transportation from: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina
Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia.
FHWA

SP&R PROJECT NO:	PROJECT IS:
700-99-0416	XX Planning
	Research & Development
PROJECT EXPENDITUR	ES TO DATE:

WORK COMPLETED:

Hired an executive director, beginning in July. As per the contract, the Executive Director moved to Louisiana from Virginia in August. Published article on the economics of Cruise Shipping in American Association of Port Authorities this fall. Worked on ITTS organizational actions, as well as hosted first advisory council meeting in Atlanta in December. Attended Smartrivers Conference, of which ITTS was a non-financial sponsor. Provided an overview presentation at SAHSTO Executive Board meeting on ITTS, as well as presentations at other related meetings. Attended Conferences related to Asset Management, as well as the AASHTO Rail and Water Committee meetings. Visited several member states to better understand ITTS and the state's needs.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES EXPECTED TO BE PERFORMED NEXT QUARTER:

Attend related meetings concerning freight activities, as well as develop materials related to a regional view of the region concerning present and future freight movements. Finish draft report on SmartRivers Conference for review. Organized and participated in state visits as requested, and continue working on ITTS Organizational activities. Work on developing other conferences over next year on economics and international trade.

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