**TRANSPORTATION POOLED FUND PROGRAM**

**QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT**

Date: 29 January 2018

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:**□Quarter 1 (January 1 – March 31)□Quarter 2 (April 1 – June 30)□Quarter 3 (July 1 – September 30)X Quarter 4 (October 1 – December 31) |
| **Project Title:****Latin American Trade and Transportation Studies** |
| **Name of Project Manager(s):** | **Phone Number:**  | **E-Mail** |
| **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 2018** | **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 |   |   |

***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** |
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| **Project Description**:**OBJECTIVES:**The purpose of ITTS is 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.   The scope of work will consist of, but not be limited to, the following:* Update the Latin America Trade and Transportation Study, but expand to include all international trade.
* Organize and facilitate workshops attended by ITTS member states to review trade forecasts and freight flows, and to present and compare member state transportation plans to ensure proper coordination.
* Organize and sponsor an annual “Freight in the Southeast” conference to provide a continuing education and peer exchange opportunity for member states.
* Within budgetary allowances, provide support to member states such as speaking at member state conferences, offering expert advice, etc.
* Provide technical assistance in meeting the requirements of MAP-21, including but not limited to State Freight Plans, Freight networks and identifying Regional Freight corridors.

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| Network* Continued review of the FEAT model, reworked the FEAT training videos
* Reviewed Feat Model program, including putting in time stamps for videos
* Received the FEAT model Rail Operations Module and provided comments to CS on FEAT Rail model
* Provided additional comments to CS on all FEAT models

Data* Continued work with Tableau study for Container on Barge/Over-dimensional freight study
* Updated STB Public Railwaybill for 2015
* Worked on Tableau study for Container on Barge/Overdimensional freight study
* Posted descriptions on Tableau materials on ITTS website

Meetings* Continued work on the ITTS Freight in the Southeast Conference
* Invitational travel sent to member states
* Participated in I-95 Capstone project on truck parking
* Attended local transportation and personal meetings (World Trade Center, Port of New
* Orleans staff, barge industry professionals)
* Finished all Smart River/Peer Meeting conference related expenses

Communications* Updated ITTS website
* Published Smart River Peer Meeting Summary
* Published ITTS newsletter
* Submitted draft ITTS project closeout report
* Submitted ITTS Presentation at Smart Rivers as a Conference Proceeding

Assistance to States* ITTS Conference Call
* Conference call on the Senior Level briefing SOW
* Read KY, MS state freight plans
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| **Anticipated work next quarter**:Network* States approve FEAT Model, final training

Data* Post revised Tableau Materials

Meetings* Work on Freight in the Southeast Conference
* Attend the Transportation Research Board Annual meeting

Communications* Revise ITTS website
* ITTS Newsletters
* Prepare Draft Executive Summary Materials

Service to States |
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| **Significant Results:** * ITTS Contract was extended to June 30, 2018.
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| **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).**Subcontractor on the Freight Economic Analytical Toolkit was unable to deliver the FEAT model during the last quarter, and initial planning efforts on the Freight in the Freight in the Southeast conference delayed work on the Container on Barge/Over Dimensional paper. |

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| **Potential Implementation:**  |