

**State of Wisconsin/Department of Transportation**  
**RESEARCH PROGRESS REPORT FOR THE QUARTER ENDING: September 30, 2005**

<b>Program: SPR-0010(36) FFY99</b>	<b>Part: II Research and Development</b>
<b>Project Title: DOCUMENTING TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES RELATED TO TRANSPORTATION ASSET MANAGEMENT</b>	<b>Project ID: 0092-05-23</b>
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<b>Approved by COR/Steering Committee:</b>	<b>Approved Ending Date: 11/30/05</b>
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**Description:**

Total study budget	Current FFY budget	Expenditures for current quarter	Total Expenditures to date	Percent Complete
<b>\$40,000</b>	<b>\$40,000</b>	<b>\$13,755.61</b>	<b>\$26574.39</b>	<b>80%</b>

**Progress This Quarter:**

(Includes project committee mtgs, work plan status, contract status, significant progress, etc.)

**Work completed to date:**

- Create advisory committee completed. Two meetings held. Numerous emails and comments have been incorporated.
- Conduct literature review completed. Information on Asset Management training was gleaned mainly from internet sources. The advisory committee provided additional suggestions on where to find information on existing and potential training programs.
- The advisory committee met in a conference call to comment on and revise the literature review and survey that will be distributed to Asset Management training providers. In addition, the team began construction of the excel spreadsheet that will be used to help analyze training opportunities.
- Distribute survey to selected vendors. An electronic survey was distributed to vendors identified as providing Asset Management training. Vendors included both public agencies and private firms. Project team contacted vendors by phone to solicit greater survey response. A total of 32 surveys have been completed.
- Conduct literature search of universities to document for-credit offerings.
- Status of effort and summary of work to date was presented at Mid-Continent Transportation Research Symposium in Ames Iowa.
- A presentation was made at the TRB Summer Conference and Meeting to the TRB/AASHTO Asset Management committees. This presentation detailed the progress made to date.
- A summary of our work to date was presented at the TRB committee meetings in Boston. A PowerPoint presentation was prepared for the meetings.
- Tabulated and analyzed survey using an Excel spreadsheet.
- Conduct literature search of universities to document for-credit offerings.

- Draft report distributed to advisory committee for review.
- Review, evaluate, categorize, and abstract training materials.

**Work in progress:**

- Contact Academic Committee. Although the Committee has not been formally contacted, internet searches revealed a variety of for-credit course offerings related to transportation Asset Management available.
- Categorize, catalogue, and summarize for-credit course offerings.
- The project team continues to coordinate tasks and work assignments.

**Work Next Quarter:**

- Revise draft report based on comments received from the advisory committee.
- Contact Academic Committee.
- Contact universities as needed to supplement literature search.
- Conduct site visits, if necessary, to training providers to gather additional information on training opportunities.

**Circumstances affecting progress/budget:**

- The project team struggled with the lack of response to the survey. The time spent calling vendors and sending multiple emails to get a minimum acceptable response has affected the process.

**Gantt Chart:**

**Table 1: Time Table for Completing Tasks**

<b>Task</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>September</b>
Create an advisory group	■					
Create, distribute and tabulate a survey	■	■	■			
Review, evaluate & Abstract		■	■	■		
Site Visits/Presentations			■	■	■	
Documentation					■	■
For-Credit Courses		■	■		■	■
Catalog and Review Syllabi		■	■		■	■
Final Reporting					■	■

