

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

Part: II Research and Development	
<p>Program: SPR-0010(36) FFY99</p> <p>Project Title: DOCUMENTING TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES RELATED TO TRANSPORTATION ASSET MANAGEMENT</p> <p>Administrative Contact: Jason Bittner, MRUTC, 608/262-7246 WisDOT Technical Contact: Nina McLawhorn, 608/266-3199 Approved by COR/Steering Committee: Project Investigator (agency & contact): UW-Madison, Teresa Adams</p>	<p>Project ID: 0092-05-23</p> <p>Sponsor: MRUTC/TAM Pooled Fund (TPF-5(036)) Approved Starting Date: 04/01/05 Approved Ending Date: 09/30/05</p>

Description:

Total study budget	Current FFY budget	Expenditures for current quarter	Total Expenditures to date	Percent Complete
\$40,000	\$40,000	\$5291.21	\$5291.21	20%

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. A July 4 deadline was given for survey completion. To date, of the over 50 surveys sent out 9 have been returned.
- Conduct literature search of universities to document for-credit offerings.

Work in progress:

- Review, evaluate, categorize, and abstract training materials. A preliminary review of training materials assembled suggests that the bulk of asset management training for transportation professionals occurs through the state LTAP programs and local departments of transportation.
- Contact Academic Committee. Although the Committee has not been formally contacted yet, internet searches revealed a variety of for-credit course offerings related to transportation asset management available.
- Categorize, catalogue, and summarize for-credit course offerings

- A summary of our work to date will be presented at the upcoming TRB committee meetings in Boston. A draft PowerPoint presentation has been prepared for the meetings.
- The project team continues to coordinate tasks and work assignments

Work Next Quarter:

- Tabulate and analyze survey using an Excel spreadsheet.
- Contact Academic Committee.
- Conduct literature search of universities to document for-credit offerings.
- Contact universities as needed to supplement literature search.
- Conduct site visits, if necessary, to training providers to gather additional information on training opportunities.
- A presentation will be made at the TRB Summer Conference and Meeting to the TRB/AASHTO Asset Management committees. This presentation will detail the progress made to date.
- A presentation will be made at the Mid –Continent Transportation Research Symposium August 19th. A paper will also be prepared for submission to the Transportation Research Board Annual Meeting.

Circumstances affecting progress/budget:

- To date only nine surveys have been returned by training providers. Over 50 surveys were sent out. After the Fourth of July holiday, reminder emails will be sent to get a better response. The next step after this will be to make phone calls directly to training providers.
- Per the above point, the project team should have a discussion to determine minimum acceptable survey response.

Gantt Chart:

Table 1: Time Table for Completing Tasks

Task	April	May	June	July	August	September
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						