

State of Wisconsin/Department of Transportation
RESEARCH PROGRESS REPORT FOR THE QUARTER ENDING: September 30, 2008

Program: SPR-0010(36) FFY99	Part: II Research and Development
Project Title: Mississippi Valley Freight Info Clearinghouse	Project ID: MVFC 06
Administrative Contact: Peter Rafferty	Sponsor: MVFC Pooled Fund
WisDOT Technical Contact: John Corbin	Approved Starting Date: 12/1/07
Approved by COR/Steering Committee: \$150,000	Approved Ending Date: 2/22/09
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Description:

Total study budget	Current FFY budget	Expenditures for current quarter	Total Expenditures to date	Percent Complete
\$150,000	\$80,000	\$5,000	\$35,000	23%

Progress This Quarter:

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

Project working group continues to meet every week. Items of discussion include project schedule, current tasks, and upcoming tasks. Other meetings include the MVTOC teleconference(s) and the monthly status teleconferences to which everybody who is interested is invited to call into.

In addition to the progress noted on previous quarterly reports, the surveys both to the motor carriers (web) and to DOT personnel / regulators (phone) have been finalized and are currently underway. The outreach and contacts have been achieved in collaboration with each state's motor carrier associations and the other two MVFC projects with survey efforts. With the postponement of those surveys due to necessary MVFC coordination, the project has instead progressed further in other key areas. These include the feasibility exploration, high level architecture, and the web prototype mockup. Each of these are over 50% completed.

Work Next Quarter:

Complete the surveys and analysis. With that information, continue the work on the draft of the concept of operations (data, standards, operations, routing, etc.). From there begin broaching the high level system requirements.

Circumstances affecting progress/budget:

Loss of key PhD-level project lead; tasks have been shifted to others. No budget implications, but minor schedule extension is anticipated. With the low response to the web survey, the project team will be reaching out via phone to motor carriers to gather additional responses.

