

**State of Wisconsin/Department of Transportation**  
**RESEARCH PROGRESS REPORT FOR THE QUARTER ENDING: March 31, 2009**

<b>Program: SPR-0010(36) FFY99</b>	<b>Part: II Research and Development</b>
<b>Project Title:</b> Mississippi Valley Freight Information Clearinghouse <b>Administrative Contact:</b> Peter Rafferty <b>WisDOT Technical Contact:</b> John Corbin <b>Approved by COR/Steering Committee:</b> \$150,000 <b>Project Investigator (agency &amp; contact):</b> David Noyce, UW-Madison	<b>Project ID:</b> MVFC 06 <b>Sponsor:</b> MVFC Pooled Fund <b>Approved Starting Date:</b> 12/1/07 <b>Approved Ending Date:</b> 8/31/09

**Description:**

Total study budget	Expenditures for current quarter	Total Expenditures to date	Percent Complete
<b>\$150,000</b>	<b>\$35,000</b>	<b>\$110,000</b>	<b>80%</b>

**Progress This Quarter:**

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

The project has progressed very well this quarter. 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 associated project-specific status teleconferences to which everybody who is interested is invited to call in.

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 completed and analysis is now complete and documented in the draft report. The outreach and contacts were achieved in collaboration with each state's motor carrier associations and the other two MVFC projects with survey efforts. The surveys were only possible by hiring additional resources to make direct phone calls. Initial response to the web survey was negligible.

As part of the MVTOC and MVFC Technical Committee conference calls in early March, we presented this project and did a web-based demo of the Clearinghouse prototype. The response was highly agreeable, but we continue to welcome feedback, comments, questions, suggestions, etc. The prototype will be on display and available for review at the Coalition meeting in Kansas in mid April.

**Work Next Quarter:**

The prototype is completed, and the report documentation is underway, including some high level resource estimates for different options of moving forward. We expect to provide a draft for anybody who wishes to review it before the April Kansas meeting. This draft will be available via the Clearinghouse home page.

The first part of next quarter (April) is primarily reserved for collecting feedback on the web prototype itself and the report draft. The project is still expected to conclude by mid May, although we have extended the timeline through the end of the summer and are prepared for any lingering follow up that may be required.

**Circumstances affecting progress/budget:**

No new issues to report. This project remains on time and on budget.

