

NJDOT Bureau of Research
QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

Project Title:	Oversize/Overweight Public Documentation Benchmarking and Effectiveness Study		
RFP NUMBER: 8020415	NJDOT RESEARCH PROJECT MANAGER: Priscilla Ukpah		
TASK ORDER NUMBER: 30	PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR: Christopher Titze and Brandon Rivenburg		
Project Starting Date: 10/1/2014 Project Ending Date: 7/31/2015	Period Starting Date: 1/1/2015 Period Ending Date: 3/31/2015		

Task	% of Total Project Budget	Total Budget	% of Task This Quarter	Cost This Quarter	% of Task to Date	Total Cost to Date
1. Literature Review and Cataloging of State DOT OS/OW Informational Resources	17%	\$9,120	20%	\$1,824	100%	\$9,120
2. OS/OW Informational Resource Examination	23%	\$12,600	21%	\$2,646	40%	\$5,040
3. Industry Outreach	20%	\$10,920	15%	\$1,638	15%	\$1,638
4. Gap Analysis	22%	\$11,600	0%	\$0	0%	\$0
5. Final Report	18%	\$9,800	0%	\$0	0%	\$0
TOTAL	100%	\$54,040	11%	\$6,108	29%	\$15,798

Project Objectives:

The purpose of this project will be to benchmark the current practices and tools utilized by State DOTs in disseminating commercial oversize/overweight statutes and regulations to commercial carriers and the public as a whole, and assess their effectiveness in increasing regulatory compliance. Additionally, research finding will be used to enhance the language of rules and regulations surrounding commercial vehicle operations in New Jersey, and improve the methods and resources used by NJDOT to educate the commercial vehicle industry on the commercial size and weight regulations.

To answer these questions, the research team will:

- Perform a literature review of the informational resources used by states to provide the commercial vehicle industry with information on size and weight rules and regulations;
- Examine the collected data and analyze the method by which each state provides size and weight rules and regulation information to the commercial vehicle industry;
- Reach out to the commercial vehicle industry to get feedback on the effectiveness of the various methods employed by the study states;

- Identify any gaps in expectations between the methods employed by the states to provide size and weight information to the commercial vehicle industry and what the industry views as adequate; and
- Summarize all work steps, lessons learned, and recommendations in a Final Report.

Project Abstract:

Every state has specific regulations controlling the commercial movement of oversize and overweight (OS/OW) shipments. These regulations are necessary to protect both physical infrastructure and other road users. While there is some collaboration and overlap, regulations often differ between states, and at times between specific parts of a state. The ability of operators to find and understand this information is a critical component in the education and enforcement of OS/OW limits.

1. Progress this Quarter by Task

Task 1:

- Finished performing literature review and interviews to identify State DOTs who are leaders in disseminating OS/OW regulatory information effectively and/or have noteworthy publications or public information documents.
- Completed list of State DOTs for inclusion in data gathering and analyses.
- Contacted selected agencies and gathered publications and public documentation.
- Completed cataloging collected informational resources in matrix for analyses.
- Submitted Task 1 Technical Memorandum for review and comment.
- Edited Task 1 Memorandum based on review and submitted Final Task 1 Technical Memorandum.

Task 2:

- Began analysis of the method by which each state provides size and weight rules and regulation information to the commercial vehicle industry.
- Developed metrics to analyze resources produced by each state.
- Identified relevant resources from each of the states.
- Began analysis of resources provided by each state.

Task 3:

- Began development of outreach survey.
- Began identifying potential survey recipients.

Task 4:

- No work completed this quarter.

Task 5:

- No work completed this quarter.

2. Proposed activities for next quarter by task

Task 1:

- No work proposed for this task next quarter.

Task 2:

- Analyze the method by which each state provides size and weight rules and regulation information to the commercial vehicle industry.
- Update Matrix of Informational Resources
- Submit Task 2 – Technical Memorandum for review and comment.

Task 3:

- Finalize survey questions and begin conducting industry outreach activities.
- Contact members of the commercial vehicle industry to get feedback on the effectiveness of the various methods employed by the study states.

Task 4:

- No proposed work to be completed next quarter.

Task 5:

- No proposed work to be completed next quarter.

3. List of deliverables provided in this quarter by task (product date):

Task 1:

- Task 1 Technical Memorandum Final (3/25/15)

Task 2:

- No deliverables this quarter.

Task 3:

- No deliverables this quarter.

Task 4:

- No deliverables this quarter.

Task 5:

- No deliverables this quarter.

4. Progress on Implementation and Training Activities:

- No work on implementation or training in this period

5. Problems/Proposed Solutions:

- No problems to report during this period.

Total Project Budget	\$54,040.00
Contract Amount:	\$54,040.00
Total Project Expenditure to date	\$15,798.00
% of Total Project Budget Expended	29%