UTC UTCA PROJECT DESCRIPTION

PROJECT NUMBER:
03308

PROJECT TITLE:
Student Funding to Attend TRB Conference

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PROJECT OBJECTIVES:
The objective of this project is to develop a student research seminar and identify students from the three campuses to receive funding to attend the Transportation Research Board Annual Meeting in Washington D.C., one of the premiere transportation research events in the world. The proposed seminar will highlight current research projects in which transportation students from the three campuses are participating.

PROJECT ABSTRACT:
Students from the three campuses of the University of Alabama System are engaged in a variety of transportation related research activities. This project will provide a forum for these students to present their research in a professional setting to faculty from their home campuses as well as transportation faculty from the other campuses. The students selected to make presentations by faculty representatives from the three campuses, will be rewarded with travel money to cover the cost of attending the Transportation Research Board Annual Meeting in Washington D.C.

PROJECT TASK DESCRIPTIONS:
Task A1. Advertising for and Selecting Students
Task A2. Host the Student Conference
Task A3. Attend the TRB Meeting and Prepare a Summary

MILESTONES AND DATES:
Task A1: Jan - May 2003
Task A2: May - Sep 2003
Task A3: Jan - Feb 2004

TOTAL BUDGET:
One-year project: UTCA $12,030; total budget $24,064.
STUDENT INVOLVEMENT:
Students from each of the three campuses will be directly involved in the project as they will be
the individuals who submit abstracts for review, present their work at the student seminar, attend
the TRB meeting, and prepare written summaries for the project report.

RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER RESEARCH PROJECTS:
Currently, this project is independent of any other research project funded or being considered by
the UTCA.

TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER ACTIVITIES:
Technology transfer for this project will be evident through the application of knowledge gained
at the TRB Conference into other UTCA research project and student thesis/dissertations.

POTENTIAL BENEFITS OF THE PROJECT:
The benefits of this project will be the opportunity for students to gain experience in presenting
the results of their research, this project will highlight the work currently being preformed by
students from the three campuses, and will allow some of the best students from the three
campuses to attend the TRB Meeting to enhance their careers.

TRB KEYWORDS:
Student Seminar, TRB Annual Meeting