PROJECT NUMBER:
06311

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 of transportation students from the
three campuses. Attendance of transportation focused graduate students from the three
universities in the Alabama system will provide invaluable experience and knowledge for our
graduate students.

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 intends to provide a forum for
transportation students to present their research to other faculty from their home campuses as
well as with transportation faculty from the other campuses in a professional setting. 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 1. Advertising for and Selecting Students
Task 2. Host the Student Conference
Task 3. Attend the TRB Meeting and Prepare a Summary

MILESTONES AND DATES:
Task 1: July - Sep 2006
Task 2: Nov 2006
Task 3: Jan - Feb 2007
TOTAL BUDGET:
One-year and two-month project: UTCA $11,770; total budget $24,332.

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