

**Kwabena Anafi** is a doctoral candidate who is a graduate research assistant at the Intermodal Freight Transportation Institute (IFTI). He is originally from Ghana. He joined the institute in Spring of 2009 after attaining his Master of Science degree from the University of Virginia in Civil-Engineering with an emphasis in Transportation. At the University of Virginia, he did research on the need to develop a Concept of Operations when dealing with the regional integration of Transportation Facilities. He has worked on a number of research projects since joining IFTI.

Kwabena's research portfolio includes Evaluating Public Investment in Shortline Rail in Tennessee (a project being pursued in conjunction with the Tennessee Department of Transportation). In addition he assisted with the Lamar Corridor Project, Truck Mobility in an Urban Environment, the Memphis Infrastructure Plan as well as the Quiet Zone Project. He also helped with the annual conference hosted under the auspices of IFTI for the past two years.

Kwabena is done with his course-work and is now working on his dissertation along with his assigned research. His dissertation topic is: Bridging the gap between the Public and Private Sectors with regards to transportation related facilities utilizing the concept of Public-Private Partnerships. His future plans include pursuing a post-doctoral position and or entering the non-academic realm. He recently volunteered at the KIPP Diamond Academy, where he spoke to 8th graders about Civil-Engineering and its possible career paths.

His interests outside the work-place include SOCCER! SOCCER! SOCCER! He also enjoys working out, reading, keeping up with current affairs and spending time with family and friends.