

QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE PROGRESS REPORT FOR BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

General Information

1. Federal Agency and Organizational Element to Which Report is Submitted Department of Commerce, National Telecommunications and Information Administration	2. Award Identification Number NT10BIX5570107	3. DUNS Number 020271826
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4. Recipient Organization

Texas A&M University 750 Agronomy Rd
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5. Current Reporting Period End Date (MM/DD/YYYY) 03-31-2011	6. Is this the last Report of the Award Period? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
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7. Certification: I certify to the best of my knowledge and belief that this report is correct and complete for performance of activities for the purposes set forth in the award documents.

7a. Typed or Printed Name and Title of Certifying Official Marcie Avery	7c. Telephone (area code, number and extension) X
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7b. Signature of Certifying Official Submitted Electronically	7e. Date Report Submitted (MM/DD/YYYY): 05-25-2011
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Project Indicators (This Quarter)

1. Please describe significant project accomplishments completed during this quarter (600 words or less).

During this quarter we completed and submitted the draft Environmental Assessment. Upon having received the issues matrix back from the NTIA, submitted requested modifications and resubmitted the EA. We anticipate FONSI in mid May. The TAMU team and the engineers visited San Antonio, Corpus Christi, Stephenville, Texarkana, and Killeen to complete the engineering sections of this project. Seventy two percent of the engineering is complete at this time and material is on order for the first phase of construction. A few of the permits have also been completed and submitted for approval. We received approval of the Sub-Recipient agreement from TAMU counsel and have the terms under negotiation with two of the sub-recipients. We also presented at a State Wide network meeting in February on the Texas Pipes project.

2. Please provide the percent complete for the following key milestones in your project. Write "0" in the Percent Complete column and "N/A" in the Narrative column if your project does not include this activity. If you provided additional milestones in your baseline plan, please insert them at the bottom of the table. Unless otherwise indicated in the instructions, figures should be reported cumulatively from award inception to the end of the most recent reporting quarter. Please provide a narrative description if the percent complete is different from the target provided in your baseline plan (300 words or less).

	Milestone	Percent Complete	Narrative (describe reasons for any variance from baseline plan or subsequent written updates provided to your program officer)
2a.	Overall Project	4	On schedule
2b.	Environmental Assessment	99	We anticipated completion by this time but have been delayed by Wildlife and Fisheries approval.
2c.	Network Design	72	Our schedule for network design has varied from the baseline estimate because finalizing the contract for engineering work took more time than originally planned. We have made substantial progress in the last quarter towards completing the network design.
2d.	Rights of Way	15	On schedule
2e.	Construction Permits and Other Approvals	15	On schedule
2f.	Site Preparation	0	We anticipated some construction by this time but were delayed due to lack of FONSI.
2g.	Equipment Procurement	0	Equipment procurement has been delayed pending the receipt of the FONSI. We have initiated orders for some equipment and will have progress to report in the next quarter.
2h.	Network Build (all components - owned, leased, IRU, etc)	0	On schedule
2i.	Equipment Deployment	0	On schedule
2j.	Network Testing	0	On schedule
2k.	Other (please specify):	0	On schedule

3. To the extent not covered above, please describe any challenges or issues faced during this past quarter in achieving planned progress against the project milestones listed above. In particular, please identify any areas or issues where technical assistance from the BTOP program may be useful (600 words or less).

We received some guidance and useful information at a recent NTIA workshop in Washington D.C. regarding legal issues around telephone pole contact permits.

4. Please report the following information regarding network build progress. Write "0" in the Total column and "N/A" in the Narrative column if your project does not include this activity. Unless otherwise indicated in the instructions, figures should be reported cumulatively from award inception to the end of the most recent reporting quarter. Please provide a narrative description if the total is different from the target provided in your baseline plan (600 words or less).

Indicator	Total	Narrative (describe your reasons for any variance from the baseline plan or any other relevant information)

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New network miles deployed	0	We anticipated some completion at this time but were delayed due to a lack of FONSI.
New network miles leased	0	No Variance
Existing network miles upgraded	0	No Variance
Existing network miles leased	0	No Variance
Number of miles of new fiber (aerial or underground)	0	No Variance
Number of new wireless links	0	N/A
Number of new towers	0	N/A
Number of new and/or upgraded interconnection points	0	No Variance

For questions 5 and 6 please include information relating to agreements that you are negotiating or have entered into, or that your sub recipient, contractor or subcontractor is negotiating or entered into.

5a. If applicable, please provide the following information with regard to agreements with broadband wholesalers and/or last mile providers as a result of your project.

Indicators	
Number of signed agreements with broadband wholesalers or last mile providers	0
Number of agreements currently being negotiated with broadband wholesalers or last mile providers	6
Average term of signed agreements (in quarters)	0

5b. Please list the names of the wholesale and last mile providers with whom you have signed agreements (100 words or less). Providers: N/A

5c. What wholesale services are being provided by this project? Please describe below. As an attachment to this report, please provide pricing plans (in \$ per month) associated with each wholesale service provided by your product (100 words or less). Wholesale services description: N/A

5d. If you have designated a third party to operate all or a portion of your network, please provide the name and contact information for this third party, indicate if this entity is a sub recipient, contractor, and/or subcontractor, and describe with specificity the portion of your network this this third party operates (600 words or less). We anticipate that a portion of the network will be run by our sub-recipients but no agreements have been signed at this time.

6. Please provide the data according to the type of subscriber. Write "0" in the Total column and "N/A" in the Narrative column if your project does not pass or serve a particular subscriber type. Unless otherwise indicated in the instructions, figures should be reported cumulatively from award inception to the end of the most recent reporting quarter. Please provide a narrative description if the total is different from the target provided in your baseline plan (300 words or less).

Subscriber Type	Access Type	Total	Narrative (describe your reasons for any variance from the baseline plan or any other relevant information)
Broadband Wholesalers or Last Mile Providers	Providers with signed agreements receiving new access	0	No Variance
	Providers with signed agreements receiving improved access	0	Subrecipient agreements have taken longer to prepare than anticipated. We anticipate being on schedule by Q3-2011.

Subscriber Type	Access Type	Total	Narrative (describe your reasons for any variance from the baseline plan or any other relevant information)
	Providers with signed agreements receiving access to dark fiber	0	No Variance
	Please identify the speed tiers that are available and the number of subscribers for each	0	No Variance
Community Anchor Institutions (including Government institutions)	Total subscribers served	0	No Variance
	Subscribers receiving new access	0	No Variance
	Subscribers receiving improved access	0	No Variance
	Please identify the speed tiers that are available and the number or subscribers for each	0	No Variance
Residential / Households	Entities passed	0	No Variance
	Total subscribers served	0	No Variance
	Subscribers receiving new access	0	No Variance
	Subscribers receiving improved access	0	No Variance
	Please identify the speed tiers that are available and the number of subscribers for each	0	No Variance
Businesses	Entities passed	0	No Variance
	Total subscribers served	0	No Variance
	Subscribers receiving new access	0	No Variance
	Subscribers receiving improved access	0	No Variance
	Please identify the speed tiers that are available and the number of subscribers for each	0	No Variance

7. Please describe any special offerings you may provide (600 words or less).

None at this time

8a. Have your network management practices changed over the last quarter? Yes No

8b. If so, please describe the changes (300 words or less).

N/A

9. Community Anchor Institutions:

Using the table below, please provide a list by service area of the community anchor institutions (including Government institutions) connected to your network as a result of BTOP funds. Figures should be reported for the most recent reporting quarter only (NOT cumulatively). Also indicate whether your organization is currently providing broadband service to the anchor institution. Finally, provide a short narrative description with examples of how institutions are using BTOP-funded infrastructure (300 words or less).

Institution Name	Service Area (town or county)	Type of Anchor Institution (as defined in your baseline)	Are you also the broadband service provider for this	Narrative description of how anchor institutions are using BTOP-funded infrastructure

			institution? (Yes / No)	
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Project Indicators (Next Quarter)

1. Please describe significant project accomplishments planned for completion during the next quarter (600 words or less).
 During this next quarter we will receive the FONSI, and complete the fiber construction of the Riverside, San Antonio and a portion of the Corpus Christi networks. In addition we will order the DWDM equipment for the Waco and Commerce sites. We also intend to complete all engineering and will submit most of the permits. Permits will not be submitted for engineered projects until 120 days before anticipated construction to avoid permit expiration issues.

2. Please provide the percent complete for the following key milestones in your project. Write "0" in the Planned Percent Complete column and "N/A" in the Narrative column if your project does not include this activity. If you provided additional milestones in your baseline plan, please insert them at the bottom of the table. Unless otherwise indicated in the instructions, figures should be reported cumulatively from award inception to the end of the next reporting quarter. Please provide a narrative description if the percent complete is different from the target provided in your baseline plan (300 words or less).

	Milestone	Planned Percent Complete	Narrative (describe reasons for any variance from baseline plan or any other relevant information)
2a.	Overall Project	13	No Variance
2b.	Environmental Assessment	100	No Variance
2c.	Network Design	100	No Variance
2d.	Rights of Way	70	No Variance
2e.	Construction Permits and Other Approvals	70	No Variance
2f.	Site Preparation	8	No Variance
2g.	Equipment Procurement	30	No Variance
2h.	Network Build (all components - owned, leased, IRU, etc.)	8	No Variance
2i.	Equipment Deployment	2	No Variance
2j.	Network Testing	8	No Variance
2k.	Other (please specify):	0	N/A

3. Please describe any challenges or issues anticipated during the next quarter that may impact planned progress against the project milestones listed above. In particular, please identify any areas or issues where technical assistance from the BTOP program may be useful (600 words or less).
 The only significant issues anticipated at this time are the completion and agreement of the sub-recipient agreements and permitting/licensing.
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Infrastructure Budget Execution Details

Activity Based Expenditures (Infrastructure)

1. Please provide details below on your total budget, cumulative actual expenditures (for the period ending the current quarter), and cumulative anticipated expenditures (for the period ending next quarter) for each line item, including detailed disbursements of both matching funds and federal funds from project inception through end of this quarter (actual) or next quarter (anticipated). Actual and anticipated figures should be reported cumulatively from award inception to the end of the applicable reporting quarter.

Budget for Entire Project				Actuals from Project Inception through End of Current Reporting Period			Anticipated Actuals from Project Inception through End of Next Reporting Period		
Cost Classification	Total Cost (plan)	Matching Funds (plan)	Federal Funds (plan)	Total Cost	Matching Funds	Federal Funds	Total Costs	Matching Funds	Federal Funds
a. Administrative and legal expenses	\$71,820	\$0	\$71,820	\$4,624	\$0	\$4,624	\$9,000	\$0	\$9,000
b. Land, structures, right-of-ways, appraisals, etc.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
c. Relocation expenses and payments	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
d. Architectural and engineering fees	\$728,629	\$157,169	\$571,460	\$8,540	\$0	\$8,540	\$567,651	\$177,213	\$390,438
e. Other architectural and engineering fees	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
f. Project inspection fees	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
g. Site work	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
h. Demolition and removal	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
i. Construction	\$8,687,612	\$2,835,117	\$5,852,495	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,651,633	\$581,295	\$1,070,338
j. Equipment	\$55,000	\$0	\$55,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
k. Miscellaneous	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
l. SUBTOTAL (add a through k)	\$9,543,061	\$2,992,286	\$6,550,775	\$13,164	\$0	\$13,164	\$2,228,284	\$758,508	\$1,469,776
m. Contingencies	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
n. TOTALS (sum of l and m)	\$9,543,061	\$2,992,286	\$6,550,775	\$13,164	\$0	\$13,164	\$2,228,284	\$758,508	\$1,469,776

2. Program Income: Please provide the program income you listed in your application budget and actuals to date through the end of the reporting period.

a. Application Budget Program Income: \$0	b. Program Income to Date: \$0
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