

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Performance Progress Report

2. Award Or Grant Number

72-50-M09040

4. Report Date (MM/DD/YYYY)

04-12-2012

1. Recipient Name

Puerto Rico Governor's Office

6. Designated Entity On Behalf Of:

Puerto Rico

3. Street Address

P.O. Box 9020082,

8. Final Report?

Yes

No

9. Report Frequency

Quarterly

Semi Annual

Annual

Final

5. City, State, Zip Code

San Juan, PR 00902-0082

7. Project / Grant Period
Start Date: (MM/DD/YYYY)

12-20-2009

7a. End Date: (MM/DD/YYYY)

12-19-2014

7b. Reporting Period End Date:

03-31-2012

9a. If Other, please describe:

N/A

10. Broadband Mapping

10a. Provider Table

Number of Providers Identified	Number of Providers Contacted	Number of Agreements Reached for Data Sharing	Number of Partial Data Sets Received	Number of Complete Data Sets	Number of Data Sets Verified
0	0	0	0	0	0

10b. Are you submitting the required PROVIDER DATA by using the Excel spreadsheet provided by the SBDD grants office? Yes No

10c. Have you encountered challenges with any providers that indicate they may refuse to participate in this project? Yes No

10d. If so, describe the discussions to date with each of these providers and the current status

Aeronet Wireless Broadband Corporation: The provider was non-responsive during the April 2012 mapping cycle to NTIA. Multiple contact attempts were made, and as of February 10, 2012, the provider remained non-responsive.

Orizon Wireless Corporation: The provider was non-responsive during the April 2012 mapping cycle to NTIA. Multiple contact attempts were made, and as of February 8, 2012, the provider remained non-responsive.

Telefonica International Holding, BV: The provider was non-responsive during the April 2012 mapping cycle to NTIA. Multiple contact attempts were made, and as of February 8, 2012, the provider remained non-responsive.

10e. If you are collecting data through other means (e.g. data extraction, extrapolation, etc), please describe your progress to date and the relevant activities to be undertaken in the future

No data has been collected through extraction or extrapolation.

10f. Please describe the verification activities you plan to implement

Our vendor, Connect Puerto Rico, has deployed an interactive mapping web application. The application is housed in a highly available, monitored, and managed environment. The application includes a staging environment for data verification and compatibility as well as a production environment for client access.

Consumer feedback in the form of broadband inquiries is also collected. These inquiries represent any type of communications received from the public regarding broadband service. Once broadband inquiries are received across the state, this information is overlaid with the broadband availability information which was collected through the State Broadband Initiative (SBI) program. This allows for a real-world comparison of the broadband landscape to the information received from broadband inquiries. Broadband inquiries are able to provide three types of information: 1) residents who do not have broadband but want it; 2) residents who have broadband but want a different provider; and 3) residents who do not have broadband, but the broadband inventory maps indicate that they do. If residents within a region state that they are without broadband, but the broadband inventory maps show otherwise, this allows Connected Nation to approach the providers within that area in an effort to trim down their coverage to more accurately represent real-world availability on the ground.

As of this report, field validation has been completed on 65.00% of the provider universe. The year-end goal for 2012 (testing a minimum of 60.00% of the viable provider universe) has been achieved. While additional testing is contemplated for 2012, these tests will supplement previous activities and will focus primarily on providers with a substantial (or statewide) presence and will occur in

geographic locations not previously tested.

10g. Have you initiated verification activities? Yes No

10h. If yes, please describe the status of your activities

The interactive broadband map is publicly available on the Connect Puerto Rico website (<http://www.connectpr.org/interactive-map>) and received a total of 223 visits between January 1, 2012 and March 31, 2012.

During this quarter, the Connect Puerto Rico project received a total of 2 broadband inquiries. Additional information received through e-mail from consumers that can also be used for verification purposes totaled 1 for this quarter.

For this reporting period, no new field verification tests were conducted. Thus far, project staff conducted multiple tests on the following providers: Aeronet Wireless; AT&T; Critical Hub Networks; Choice Communications; Data@ccess; Liberty Cablevision of Puerto Rico; Neptuno Media; PR Wireless Inc.; San Juan Cable LLC (d.b.a. OneLink); Puerto Rico Telephone Company; Sprint; T-Mobile; and Worldnet.

In addition to the field verification tests that have been conducted, our program vendor has also conducted work in the field to collect information for the Non-Participating Provider, San Juan Cable LLC (d.b.a. OneLink) which, by nature of the methodology required for this collection, is also included in the above list.

As of this reporting period, field validation testing has been completed against 13 companies (out of a universe of 20 viable providers) totaling 65.00% on the island.

10i. If verification activities have not been initiated please provide a projected time line for beginning and completing such activities

N/A

Staffing

10j. How many jobs have been created or retained as a result of this project?

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Our vendor has numerous staff working on the project, some at only a small percentage of their time. This approach is beneficial to the project in various ways: some staff provide necessary project support, many staff work together utilizing a team approach, and others are subject matter experts in their respective areas, and by leveraging their expertise the project benefits by their knowledge and skills without necessity of supporting a more expensive full-time resource.

10k. Is the project currently fully staffed? Yes No

10l. If no, please explain how any lack of staffing may impact the project's time line and when the project will be fully staffed

N/A

10m. When fully staffed, how many full-time equivalent (FTE) jobs do you expect to create or retain as a result of this project?

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10n. Staffing Table

Job Title	FTE %	Date of Hire
Connected Nation - Business Programmer Analyst	2	4/2/2007
Connected Nation - CAI Coordinator	2	12/13/2004
Connected Nation - CAI Data Analyst	1	3/24/2009
Connected Nation - CAI Data Manager	2	8/9/2010
Connected Nation - ETS Analyst	1	7/13/2009
Connected Nation - ETS Manager	5	7/1/2007

Connected Nation - GIS Analyst	1	5/14/2007
Connected Nation - GIS Analyst	4	11/16/2009
Connected Nation - GIS Analyst	11	4/1/2010
Connected Nation - GIS Services Manager	3	5/15/2007
Connected Nation - Outreach & Awareness Manager	5	3/24/2009
Connected Nation - Outreach & Awareness Specialist	7	2/2/2009
Connected Nation - Outreach & Awareness Specialist	9	10/1/2007
Connected Nation - Outreach & Awareness Specialist	10	1/3/2010
Connected Nation - Outreach & Awareness Specialist	13	1/4/2010
Connected Nation - Program Director	1	8/4/2008
Connected Nation - Project Coordinator	7	4/1/2005
Connected Nation - Project Manager	2	9/4/2007
Connected Nation - Project Manager	19	3/16/2010
Connected Nation - Project Manager	44	1/14/2008
Connected Nation - Provider Relations Manager	2	2/17/2005
Connected Nation - Research & GIS Analyst	6	5/14/2007
Connected Nation - Research Analyst	1	10/17/2011
Connected Nation - Research Analyst	24	6/1/2009
Connected Nation - Project Coordinator	3	5/14/2007
Connected Nation - State Services Sr. Specialist	39	12/20/2009
Consultant - Associate Counsel	1	9/14/2009
Estudios Tecnicos - Research Analyst	92	12/30/2011
Estudios Tecnicos - Research Analyst	92	12/30/2011
Estudios Tecnicos - Research Analyst	93	12/30/2011
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GISbiz, Inc. - Programmer	3	2/27/2012
GISbiz, Inc. - System Architect	2	2/27/2012

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Sub Contracts

10o. Subcontracts Table

Name of Subcontractor	Purpose of Subcontract	RFP Issued (Y/N)	Contract Executed (Y/N)	Start Date	End Date	Federal Funds	In-Kind Funds
Connect Puerto Rico	Mapping and Planning Activities	Y	Y	04/10/2010	12/14/2014	2,278,668	0
PR Infrastructure Financing Administration	Grant Administration	N	N	03/01/2010	12/14/2014	244,030	0

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Funding

10p. How much Federal funding has been expended as of the end of the last quarter? \$1,226,465 10q. How much Remains? \$1,307,213

10r. How much matching funds have been expended as of the end of last quarter? \$252,477 10s. How much Remains? \$387,751

10t. Budget Worksheet

Mapping Budget Element	Federal Funds Granted	Proposed In-Kind	Total Budget	Federal Funds Expended	Matching Funds Expended	Total Funds Expended
Personal Salaries	\$0	\$97,850	\$97,850	\$0	\$29,263	\$29,263
Personnel Fringe Benefits	\$0	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$0	\$7,457	\$7,457
Travel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Equipment	\$0	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Materials / Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subcontracts Total	\$2,522,698	\$0	\$2,522,698	\$1,226,465	\$44,630	\$1,271,095
Subcontract #1	\$2,278,668	\$0	\$2,278,668	\$1,185,169	\$44,630	\$1,229,799
Subcontract #2	\$244,030	\$0	\$244,030	\$41,296	\$0	\$41,296
Subcontract #3	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subcontract #4	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subcontract #5	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Construction	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other	\$10,980	\$467,378	\$478,358	\$0	\$171,706	\$171,706
Total Direct Costs	\$2,533,678	\$640,228	\$3,173,906	\$1,226,465	\$253,057	\$1,479,522

Mapping Budget Element	Federal Funds Granted	Proposed In-Kind	Total Budget	Federal Funds Expended	Matching Funds Expended	Total Funds Expended
Total Indirect Costs	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Costs	\$2,533,678	\$640,228	\$3,173,906	\$1,226,465	\$253,057	\$1,479,522
% Of Total	80	20	100	83	17	100

Hardware / Software

10u. Has the project team purchased the software / hardware described in the application? Yes No

10v. If yes, please list

Interactive Mapping Application - \$64,548

ArInfo/ArcGIS Software - \$4,126

Computers & Software - \$3,510

Speed Test Software - \$4,081

Google Earth Pro - \$585

10w. Please note any software / hardware that has yet to be purchased and explain why it has not been purchased

Remaining purchases may include SQL server for mapping geodatabase, SQL server software, multiple dedicated storage server, security application, additional backup replication solution, computers, a spectrum analyzer, GPS units, interactive mapping updates and maintenance, ArInfo/ArcGIS maintenance, and speed test updates as well as computers and software maintenance.

10x. Has the project team purchased or used any data sets? Yes No

10y. If yes, please list

N/A

10z. Are there any additional project milestones or information that has not been included? Yes No

10aa. If yes, please list

The Puerto Rico broadband semi-annual dataset update was successfully submitted. The data update submission included datasets for 84 percent of the Puerto Rico provider community, or 16 of 19 total providers. There are 15 participating providers and 1 additional non-participating provider whose estimated coverage areas have been submitted. Of the 15 participating providers, 11 supplied an update to their network or coverage areas, while 3 reported no change. The remaining provider previously supplied data, but was non-responsive in this update effort; therefore its previous dataset was put forward as part of the update.

Our mapping vendor, Connect Puerto Rico, worked in close coordination with the Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) gathering data on the location and broadband connectivity of Community Anchor Institutions (CAI), in accordance with the data requirements of the SBI Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA) Technical Appendix. Efforts have been focused on conducting outreach and raising awareness through a statewide campaign and through existing relationships and those developed through the Puerto Rico Broadband Task Force. Outreach has involved working closely with key members of the Puerto Rico Health Information Network, the Department of Education, and Department of Public Housing to obtain data already collected on the island.

This project has an ongoing mission to educate CAI throughout the commonwealth on the importance of participating in the project. We continue to utilize an online survey in both Spanish and English and raise awareness of the importance of CAI broadband connectivity.

As of Q1 2012 our matching contribution remains 17%, just under the requirement. During Q1 2012, the Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority GIS data sets and the Puerto Rico Water & Sewer Authority GIS data sets have been made available to Connect Puerto Rico....

10bb. Please describe any challenge or obstacle that you have encountered and detail the mitigation strategies the project team is employing
A continued challenge exists to educate CAI about SBI and the intent of gathering connectivity information. This obstacle is easily avoided when we engage sector leaders and ask them to distribute the survey on our behalf, which supports the validity of the survey. Across the board, the response is significantly higher when the survey is distributed by a sector leader or organization. Therefore, it has become obvious that a focused sector approach is most successful as well as clearly engaging the state client to help identify sector leaders and organizations. Ahead of the October 2012 reporting, Puerto Rico is focusing on one sector per month (and two for one month) to better direct attention toward specific sectors.

11i. Planning Worksheet						
Travel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Materials / Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subcontracts Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subcontract #1	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subcontract #2	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subcontract #3	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subcontract #4	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subcontract #5	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Construction	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Direct Costs	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Indirect Costs	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Costs	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
% Of Total	0	0	0	0	0	0

Additional Planning Information

11j. Are there any additional project milestones or information that has not been included?

Project staff delivered a presentation to the Puerto Rico Broadband Task Force on the USF Mobility Fund and its impact to Puerto Rico. The presentation compared the FCC eligible areas list to the geographic areas on Puerto Rico's broadband maps that have access to mobile download speeds of 1.5Mbps. For the most part, the data confirms that the vast majority of the areas of Puerto Rico lacking 3G technology do not, in fact, have adequate mobile broadband service. However, it also appears that many parts of Puerto Rico that do not have access to high-speed mobile broadband service are not on the FCC's list of eligible areas.

Connect Puerto Rico also convened a stakeholder meeting to discuss the opportunities framed within the FCC's upcoming Lifeline Program Reform Order via adoption stimulation pilot programs. The order creates a pilot program to be implemented in 2012 to test different models and expand the program to broadband. The order also seeks comments on funding digital literacy programs at schools and libraries. Connect Puerto Rico believes it is important for Puerto Rico to be represented in the pilot programs and it can help change lives and communities across the island through the widespread emphasis on broadband.

11k. Please describe any challenge or obstacle that you have encountered and detail the mitigation strategies the Project Team is employing

No additional challenges or obstacles were encountered during Q1 2012.

11l. Please provide any other information that you think would be useful to NTIA as it assesses your Broadband Mapping Project

A significant amount of energy and effort has been directed towards the development of the Strategic Broadband Plan. The Puerto Rico Broadband Task Force is developing the plan with comprehensive multi-sector input and feedback. The Connect Puerto Rico team is assisting in producing this in-depth assessment of Puerto Rico's broadband ecosystem by working with numerous stakeholders, representing various sectors within the commonwealth community. The plan is covering several areas including: Accelerating Broadband Investment, The Puerto Rico Broadband Landscape, Broadband Infrastructure, Education, E-Health, and Stimulating Broadband Adoption.

A newly redesigned and fully interactive Connect Puerto Rico website launched during Q1 2012 in an effort to make the interactive tools more easily accessible by the public and to more effectively communicate Connect Puerto Rico's mission of changing lives and communities across Puerto Rico through the widespread use of technology, especially widespread access, use, and adoption of broadband. The website had 844 unique visitors during Q1 2012 with 7,591 page views.

Along with the redesigned website, the program continues to implement traditional and new media strategies to engage and inform

citizens about broadband opportunities and options for underserved communities in the commonwealth. During the quarter, 11 blog posts were issued and 65 updates/tweets were published to the Connect Puerto Rico Facebook and Twitter accounts. Additionally, the first e-newsletter was distributed to 1,850 subscribers to disseminate information on program related activities and technology articles.

12. Certification: I certify to the best of my knowledge and belief that this report is correct and complete for performance of activities for the purpose set forth in the award documents.

12a. Typed or Printed Name and Title of Authorized Certifying Official

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