OMB CONTROL NO. 0660-0035 EXPIRATION DATE: 11/30/2010

# FIRST PERFORMANCE PROGRESS REPORT 2010



1. Recipient Organization (Name and complete address including zip code)	2. Award Identification Number
City of El Paso, 2 Civic Center Plaza, El Paso, TX 79901-1153	48-42-B10570

#### 3. Performance Narrative (Q1)

Please describe your project activities and progress for the first quarter of your award period. This should include a description of federal expenditures to date, key milestones, the primary activities needed to accomplish those milestones, significant project accomplishments, and any delays or challenges. Please use the milestone categories provided in your baseline report (e.g., equipment purchases, outreach activities, training programs) to help structure your answer. (500 words or less)

During the first Quarter, the Virtual Village project accomplished the following:

- It held meetings with Public Computer Center partners and representatives from key City departments to organize, plan, coordinate and carry out efforts to successfully implement the grant.
- As a result of these meetings, it created various workgroups that will focus on accomplishing key milestones. One of these workgroups is the Information Technology Workgroup, which held preliminary talks on the technological benchmarks the project must meet.
- It wrote and presented a resolution to City Council allowing the City of El Paso to accept the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Broadband Technology Opportunities Program grant for Public Computer Centers (Award No. 48-42-B10570), and City Council formally accepted it.
- It established how many jobs will be created and devised a hiring plan.
- Federal expenditure: \$0.00.

# 4. Performance Projections (Q2)

Please describe your anticipated project activities and progress for the next quarter. This should include a description of federal expenditures, key milestones, the primary activities needed to accomplish those milestones, significant project accomplishments, and any potential delays or challenges you foresee. Please use the milestone categories provided in your baseline report (e.g., equipment purchases, outreach activities, training programs) to help structure your answer. (500 words or less)

## **EQUIPMENT**

During the next Quarter, we will be conducting and concluding site surveys to ensure there is appropriate broadband connectivity and adequate space for the deployment of ADDED PROPOSED computers. Following site surveys we will review and finalize equipment specifications and quantities. We will then purchase equipment for 34 existing Public Computer Centers for at least the AVAILABLE CURRENT workstations. During this same Quarter we will also begin connecting and retrofitting 2 mobile units. All purchases of supplies, equipment, furniture and services for these Public Computer Centers will be done through our financial services organization. Information technology technicians will be recruited to carry out the retrofits.

Federal expenditure: \$1,290,013.

# **TRAINING**

We will conduct an extensive search for and recruit a Grant Project Manager, Lead Trainers, and Computer Mentors. The Grant Project Manager will oversee the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program. The Lead Trainers will be required to have experience in instructional design and curriculum development. The Lead Trainers in conjunction with the Grant Program Manager will identify basic

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computer courses to be delivered in classroom-type settings and in open lab spaces. They will also plan and develop surveys of potential users, and will gather the course control data to use them to develop basic computer curricula during the following Quarter.

### **OUTREACH**

A comprehensive marketing plan will be developed to include extensive publicity and outreach and recruitment. Federal expenditure: \$13,240.

#### **OTHER**

While formal training programs are developed, access to the Internet will be available free-of-charge to the general public at El Paso Public Library locations, El Paso County Community College campus libraries, most Workforce Solutions Upper Rio Grande One-Stop Career Centers, VOLAR Center for Independent Living, Paso Del Norte Children's Development Center, and Centro de Salud Familiar La Fe locations. The Ysleta del Sur Pueblo center and Ysleta del Sur Pueblo Workforce Solutions Rio Grande One-Stop Career center will serve tribal community members only.

City officials will work with our partners to maximize participant potential with these organizations and to set standards, expectations and obligations for them. An agreement will be negotiated and formalized. Also, a new budget will be developed and submitted in support of project activities and expected outcomes.

# 5. 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.

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