

RECIPIENT NAME:Nebraskalink, LLC

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### QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE PROGRESS REPORT FOR BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

#### General Information

<b>1. Federal Agency and Organizational Element to Which Report is Submitted</b>  Department of Commerce, National Telecommunications and Information Administration	<b>2. Award Identification Number</b>  NT10BIX5570112	<b>3. DUNS Number</b>  961773509
<b>4. Recipient Organization</b>  Nebraskalink, LLC 233 S 13TH ST STE 1900, Lincoln, NE 68508-2000		
<b>5. Current Reporting Period End Date (MM/DD/YYYY)</b>  12-31-2012	<b>6. Is this the last Report of the Award Period?</b>  <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
<b>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.</b>		
<b>7a. Typed or Printed Name and Title of Certifying Official</b>  Sheryl Vogle	<b>7c. Telephone (area code, number and extension)</b>  X	
	<b>7d. Email Address</b>  sheryl.vogle@nebraskalink.com	
<b>7b. Signature of Certifying Official</b>  Submitted Electronically	<b>7e. Date Report Submitted (MM/DD/YYYY):</b>  02-08-2013	

**Project Indicators (This Quarter)**

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

In Q4, 2012, NebraskaLink completed our 240 mile middle-mile network project from Sutherland to Sidney to Chadron. This allowed us to connect to two more service providers in that area. All circuits on this new Northwest Nebraska Ring are now rebuilt as protected, which provides better service and redundancy to businesses and residences in Western Nebraska. In Q4, 2012, we also finished our town lateral project in Sidney, Nebraska. Sidney has 11 CAI's. Lastly, in Q4, 2012 we began the final planning and project bids for the last projects on our BTOP project list.

**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	86	NebraskaLink is behind on our projected target on this milestone. We are waiting on a reply to possible changes to CAI builds in our application as well as an addition to our project route.
2b.	Environmental Assessment	100	Completed
2c.	Network Design	95	NebraskaLink is on target with this milestone.
2d.	Rights of Way	100	Completed
2e.	Construction Permits and Other Approvals	98	NebraskaLink is close to target with this milestone.
2f.	Site Preparation	90	NebraskaLink is behind on this target with our project plan. We are waiting a reply regarding a possible change to some city builds in our application.
2g.	Equipment Procurement	86	NebraskaLink is behind on this target with our project plan.
2h.	Network Build (all components - owned, leased, IRU, etc)	97	NebraskaLink is on target with this milestone.
2i.	Equipment Deployment	93	NebraskaLink is close to target with this milestone.
2j.	Network Testing	90	NebraskaLink is close to target with this milestone.
2k.	Other (please specify):	0	N/A

**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).**

NebraskaLink had a good quarter with our construction - weather was great for our crews. We are slightly behind on some milestones waiting a reply on Award Action Requests submitted to made modifications to some CAI's in our project towns as well as a requested addition to our route.

**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)
New network miles deployed	435	NebraskaLink is ahead of our project plan for this milestone.
New network miles leased	1,427	NebraskaLink is on target with this milestone.
Existing network miles upgraded	0	N/A

Indicator	Total	Narrative (describe your reasons for any variance from the baseline plan or any other relevant information)
Existing network miles leased	0	N/A
Number of miles of new fiber (aerial or underground)	435	NebraskaLink is ahead of our project plan for this milestone.
Number of new wireless links	0	N/A
Number of new towers	0	N/A
Number of new and/or upgraded interconnection points	62	NebraskaLink is ahead of our project plan for this milestone.

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	24
Number of agreements currently being negotiated with broadband wholesalers or last mile providers	2
Average term of signed agreements (in quarters)	12

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

Four U Technology  
 Consolidated Telecom  
 Nebraska Central Telephone Company  
 Hamilton Telecommunications  
 Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company  
 Great Plains Communications  
 American Broadband  
 Windstream  
 Frontier  
 Clarks Telephone Company  
 Three Rivers Telephone Company  
 K&M Telephone Company  
 Hershey Telephone  
 AT&T  
 SDN Communications  
 Level 3  
 Benkelman Telephone  
 Arapahoe Telephone  
 Cox Business  
 Allo  
 Pinpoint  
 Glenwood Telecommunications  
 Unite Private Networks  
 USA Communications

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:

NebraskaLink currently offers the following wholesale services: Direct Internet Access (DIA), Ethernet Transport and Private Line/TDM Services. These are priced on an individual basis, based on interconnection ability, local loop availability and distance for the circuit.

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).

N/A

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	24	NebraskaLink is ahead of our target baseline plan for signed agreements with Broadband Wholesales or last mile providers.
	Providers with signed agreements receiving improved access	0	N/A
	Providers with signed agreements receiving access to dark fiber	0	N/A
	Please identify the speed tiers that are available and the number of subscribers for each	10	10 Mbps: 5 20 Mbps: 2 50 Mbps: 2 100 Mbps: 4 150 Mbps: 1 200 Mbps: 1 250 Mbps: : 500 Mbps: 3 1000 Mbps: 1 10 Gbps: 3 DS3: 2
Community Anchor Institutions (including Government institutions)	Total subscribers served	48	NebraskaLink is currently providing service to 10 CAI's listed in their application, plus have built laterals to an additional 38 CAI's listed in our application. NebraskaLink is currently behind the project baseline on this milestone. Many CAI's listed in our application are currently under contract with existing carriers - some have allowed us to build laterals to their sites for potential future business.
	Subscribers receiving new access	48	Laterals built to sites
	Subscribers receiving improved access	0	N/A
	Please identify the speed tiers that are available and the number or subscribers for each	15	5 Mbps: 10 Mbps: 20 Mbps: 3 30 Mbps: 50 Mbps: 60 Mbps: 1 75 Mbps: 1 100 Mbps: 4 150 Mbps: 200 Mbps: 250 Mbps: 300 Mbps: 1 500 Mbps: 1000 Mbps: 10 Gbps: NebraskaLink does not currently supply service to all CAI's - some have laterals built to their sites.
Residential / Households	Entities passed	0	N/A
	Total subscribers served	0	N/A
	Subscribers receiving new access	0	N/A
	Subscribers receiving improved access	0	N/A

Subscriber Type	Access Type	Total	Narrative (describe your reasons for any variance from the baseline plan or any other relevant information)
	Please identify the speed tiers that are available and the number of subscribers for each	0	N/A
<b>Businesses</b>	Entities passed	0	N/A
	Total subscribers served	0	N/A
	Subscribers receiving new access	0	N/A
	Subscribers receiving improved access	0	N/A
	Please identify the speed tiers that are available and the number of subscribers for each	0	N/A

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

N/A

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 institution? (Yes / No)	Narrative description of how anchor institutions are using BTOP-funded infrastructure
Sidney Public Schools	Sidney	School (k-12)	No	Lateral has been built to site
Western Nebraska Community College	Sidney	Community College	No	Lateral has been built to site
Memorial Health Center	Sidney	Medical or Healthcare Provider	No	Lateral has been built to site
Sidney Medical Associates	Sidney	Medical or Healthcare Provider	No	Lateral has been built to site
Sidney High School	Sidney	School (k-12)	No	Lateral has been built to site
Sidney Middle School	Sidney	School (k-12)	No	Lateral has been built to site
Central Elementary School	Sidney	School (k-12)	No	Lateral has been built to site
Sidney Public Library	Sidney	Library	No	Lateral has been built to site
Cheyenne County Emergency Management	Sidney	Public Safety Entity	No	Lateral has been built to site

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 institution? (Yes / No)	Narrative description of how anchor institutions are using BTOP-funded infrastructure
Cheyenne County Courthouse	Sidney	Other Government Facility	No	Lateral has been built to site
Sidney Fire Department	Sidney	Public Safety Entity	No	Lateral has been built to site

**Project Indicators (Next Quarter)**

**1. Please describe significant project accomplishments planned for completion during the next quarter (600 words or less).**

In Q1, 2013, NebraskaLink will be planning / staking and bidding our final projects for the BTOP Grant. Due to Nebraska weather we will not likely have any build activities during this quarter. We will use the first quarter to get everything ready for the Q2 fiber builds. If our AAR's for changes/additions are approved, NebraskaLink expects to begin connections to an additional 31 CAI's, deploy an additional 25 miles of fiber in project towns and sign an additional two agreements with broadband and last mile providers.

**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	93	NebraskaLink expects to be behind on this milestone as compared to our baseline. NebraskaLink is waiting for an approval from BTOP on an award action request for a possible change in routes in some of our project cities.
2b.	Environmental Assessment	100	Completed
2c.	Network Design	99	NebraskaLink expects to be close to target with this milestone
2d.	Rights of Way	100	NebraskaLink expects to be on target with this milestone.
2e.	Construction Permits and Other Approvals	100	NebraskaLink expects to be on target with this milestone.
2f.	Site Preparation	95	NebraskaLink expects to be behind on this milestone, completing in 2nd quarter 2013.
2g.	Equipment Procurement	89	NebraskaLink expects to be close to target with this milestone, completing in 2nd quarter 2013.
2h.	Network Build (all components - owned, leased, IRU, etc.)	98	NebraskaLink expects to be close to target with this milestone.
2i.	Equipment Deployment	95	NebraskaLink expects to be closet to target with this milestone, complete in 2nd quarter 2013.
2j.	Network Testing	95	NebraskaLink expects to be on target with this milestone.
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 thing NebraskaLink is waiting on for this quarter is a response to our award action request so that we can begin construction on the requested change. Thus far, being the winter season, we have had favorable conditions to continue our builds.

**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	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
b. Land, structures, right-of-ways, appraisals, etc.	\$604,700	\$181,410	\$423,290	\$122,216	\$34,658	\$87,558	\$132,216	\$37,658	\$94,558
c. Relocation expenses and payments	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
d. Architectural and engineering fees	\$1,366,720	\$410,016	\$956,704	\$1,282,062	\$407,863	\$874,199	\$1,292,062	\$410,863	\$881,199
e. Other architectural and engineering fees	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
f. Project inspection fees	\$125,718	\$37,715	\$88,003	\$115,722	\$34,717	\$81,005	\$125,722	\$37,717	\$88,005
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	\$9,349,257	\$2,804,777	\$6,544,480	\$7,835,871	\$2,014,194	\$5,821,676	\$8,635,871	\$2,254,195	\$6,381,676
j. Equipment	\$3,706,362	\$1,111,909	\$2,594,453	\$3,169,637	\$1,392,455	\$1,777,182	\$3,269,637	\$1,422,455	\$1,847,182
k. Miscellaneous	\$1,344,195	\$403,259	\$940,936	\$1,644,933	\$371,660	\$1,273,273	\$1,804,933	\$419,660	\$1,385,273
<b>l. SUBTOTAL (add a through k)</b>	\$16,496,952	\$4,949,086	\$11,547,866	\$14,170,441	\$4,255,547	\$9,914,893	\$15,260,441	\$4,582,548	\$10,677,893
m. Contingencies	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>n. TOTALS (sum of l and m)</b>	\$16,496,952	\$4,949,086	\$11,547,866	\$14,170,441	\$4,255,547	\$9,914,893	\$15,260,441	\$4,582,548	\$10,677,893

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: \$900,475
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