

RECIPIENT NAME:Nebraskalink, LLC

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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 NT10BIX5570112	3. DUNS Number 961773509
4. Recipient Organization Nebraskalink, LLC 233 S 13TH ST STE 1900, Lincoln, NE 68508-2000		
5. Current Reporting Period End Date (MM/DD/YYYY) 09-30-2013	6. Is this the last Report of the Award Period? <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	
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 Sheryl Vogle	7c. Telephone (area code, number and extension) X	
	7d. Email Address sheryl.vogle@nebraskalink.com	
7b. Signature of Certifying Official Submitted Electronically	7e. Date Report Submitted (MM/DD/YYYY): 01-22-2014	

Project Indicators (This Quarter)

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

On 07/29/2010, NebraskaLink was awarded an NTIA / BTOP Stimulus grant. We began construction in 05/2011 and finished in 06/2013. We completed 461 miles of optical backbone fiber builds, which when combined with our 1427 miles of leased backbone fiber totaled 1888 mile fiber optic backbone. NebraskaLink equipped the backbone with a combination of 8 and 40 wave DWDM equipment. Along the newly created backbone, NebraskaLink interconnected with 24 Nebraska telephone and cable TV companies. This allowed us to expand our service foot-print to all other areas of Nebraska, including areas not reached by our backbone network. As part of our total miles, NebraskaLink completed 71 miles of aerial and underground construction within the cities of North Platte, Kearney, O'Neill, Valentine, Sidney and Grand Island allowing us to provide fiber optic services to 101 community anchor institutions.

Benefits of the newly completed network include;

- Interconnects with communications partners – this helps us expand our footprint and provide end-to-end services to customers across the state
- Large Ethernet capacity – this allows us to sell large circuits to customers, which was not available in Nebraska prior to NebraskaLink’s backbone
- Redundancy – NebraskaLink’s network includes three main rings enabling us to protect circuits across the state. No other providers could provide a protected service prior to NebraskaLink’s backbone
- Contracts with University system, State of Nebraska and Nebraska Schools – NebraskaLink is able to offer high quality – cost effective solutions that were not previously available.
- Competition – several communities along the NebraskaLink backbone were either unserved or underserved prior to the NebraskaLink network
- Additional Jobs – NebraskaLink has grown our staff to 14 employees since the beginning of the grant project – our project has also contributed to the work forces of our contractors

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	100	Completed
2b.	Environmental Assessment	100	Completed
2c.	Network Design	100	Completed
2d.	Rights of Way	100	Completed
2e.	Construction Permits and Other Approvals	100	Completed
2f.	Site Preparation	100	Completed
2g.	Equipment Procurement	100	Completed
2h.	Network Build (all components - owned, leased, IRU, etc)	100	Completed
2i.	Equipment Deployment	100	Completed
2j.	Network Testing	100	Completed
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 did not encounter any issues.

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	461	NebraskaLink completed this milestone on target
New network miles leased	1,427	NebraskaLink completed this milestone on target
Existing network miles upgraded	0	N/A
Existing network miles leased	0	N/A
Number of miles of new fiber (aerial or underground)	461	NebraskaLink completed this milestone on target
Number of new wireless links	0	N/A
Number of new towers	0	N/A
Number of new and/or upgraded interconnection points	68	NebraskaLink is ahead of target on 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	0
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. Please see attachment.

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 completed this milestone ahead of target
	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	101	NebraskaLink is currently providing service to 18 CAI's listed in their application, plus have built laterals to an additional 83 CAI's listed in our application. 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	101	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: 1 20 Mbps: 3 30 Mbps: 50 Mbps: 2 60 Mbps: 1 75 Mbps: 1 100 Mbps: 4 150 Mbps: 200 Mbps: 1 250 Mbps: 300 Mbps: 2 500 Mbps: 1 1000 Mbps: 2 10 Gbps: NebraskaLink does not currently supply service to all CAI's - some have laterals built to their sites

Subscriber Type	Access Type	Total	Narrative (describe your reasons for any variance from the baseline plan or any other relevant information)
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
	Please identify the speed tiers that are available and the number of subscribers for each	0	N/A
Businesses	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
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).
NebraskaLink's BTOP project is complete.

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).

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2i.	Equipment Deployment	100	Complete
2j.	Network Testing	100	Complete
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).

NebraskaLink's BTOP project is complete.

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.	\$122,215	\$36,664	\$85,551	\$122,216	\$34,658	\$87,558	\$122,216	\$34,658	\$87,558
c. Relocation expenses and payments	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
d. Architectural and engineering fees	\$1,428,504	\$428,551	\$999,953	\$1,413,684	\$439,991	\$973,693	\$1,413,684	\$439,991	\$973,693
e. Other architectural and engineering fees	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
f. Project inspection fees	\$200,642	\$60,193	\$140,449	\$207,525	\$59,653	\$147,872	\$207,525	\$59,653	\$147,872
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	\$9,613,119	\$2,883,936	\$6,729,183	\$9,639,161	\$2,560,730	\$7,078,431	\$9,639,161	\$2,560,730	\$7,078,431
j. Equipment	\$3,247,659	\$974,298	\$2,273,361	\$3,229,553	\$1,410,430	\$1,819,123	\$3,229,553	\$1,410,430	\$1,819,123
k. Miscellaneous	\$1,884,813	\$565,444	\$1,319,369	\$1,884,813	\$443,624	\$1,441,189	\$1,884,813	\$443,624	\$1,441,189
l. SUBTOTAL (add a through k)	\$16,496,952	\$4,949,086	\$11,547,866	\$16,496,952	\$4,949,086	\$11,547,866	\$16,496,952	\$4,949,086	\$11,547,866
m. Contingencies	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
n. TOTALS (sum of l and m)	\$16,496,952	\$4,949,086	\$11,547,866	\$16,496,952	\$4,949,086	\$11,547,866	\$16,496,952	\$4,949,086	\$11,547,866

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: \$908,224
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