Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) Open Data Release Supplemental Information

Summary

On May 9, 2013, President Obama signed an Executive Order that made open and machine-readable data the new default for government information. In support of this order, National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) is releasing all[1] Quarterly Performance Progress Reports (PPR) through the second quarter 2015[2] and Annual Performance Progress Reports (APR) through 2014[3]. While these reports have always been publically available on NTIA's webpage in PDF format, NTIA is releasing this data in a compiled excel format to facilitate the public's use of the data. This Open Data initiative is aimed at helping the public better understand the social and economic benefits of BTOP grants, and learn about the advancements in broadband availability and adoption throughout the country.

Redactions to Performance Progress Report Data

All BTOP grantees, including Comprehensive Community Infrastructure (CCI), Sustainable Broadband Adoption (SBA) and Public Computer Center (PCC) projects, submitted Quarterly Performance Progress Reports (PPR) and Annual Performance Progress Reports (APR) to NTIA. These reports captured accomplishments, progress and planning data, budget information and key milestone indicator information. NTIA used the report information to assess the project's overall health, to monitor progress made against milestones, and to identify and mitigate areas of concern or risk to project completion and success. Federal staff also reviewed the budget and cost information to assess the overall financial management of each project to ensure that BTOP expenditures were consistent with the recipient's anticipated progress, and to monitor the rate of matching expenditures.

As these reports and data are publically available on NTIA's website, all BTOP recipients had the opportunity to redact any PPR and APR data for legal or security purposes. The following files contain post-redaction data and are publically released as part of this Open Data initiative:

- *CCI Data Dictionary with Data Open Data.xlsx*
- *PCC Data Dictionary with Data Open Data.xlsx*
- *SBA Data Dictionary with Data Open Data.xlsx*

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[1] Data for the Q1-2010 and Q2-2010 reporting periods is not being publically released as part of this Open Data initiative. During these quarters of active reporting for the program, a consistent PPR form was not utilized by recipients. Some recipients submitted a word version of the PPR form, some recipients submitted a scanned PDF of the PPR, and some recipients submitted the standard form. As a result, most Q1-2010 and Q2-2010 PPR data was not collected in BTOP databases due to form variability. We have decided to exclude this data to ensure consistent data quality.

[2] This Open Data initiative contains all approved PPR data for recipients through Q2-2015. On October 30, 2015, a handful of recipients submitted PPRs for the Q3-2015 reporting period. This data is currently under review by the NTIA Program Office and will be finalized on November 30, 2015.

[3] This Open Data initiative contains all approved APR data for recipients through 2014. APRs are submitted on a yearly basis. Typically, APRs for awards that were active during 2015 will be due on January 30, 2016 or during the closeout period. No 2015 APRs have been approved by the NTIA Program Office.