



## FIRST PERFORMANCE PROGRESS REPORT First Quarter 2010

<p>1. Recipient Organization (<i>Name and complete address including zip code</i>) ENMR•Plateau 7111 North Prince Street, Clovis, NM 88102-1947</p>	<p>2. Award Identification Number NT10BIX5570027</p>
<p>3. Performance Narrative (Q1) <i>Please describe your project activities and progress for the first quarter of 2010. 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., environmental assessment, design, rights of way) to structure your answer. (500 words or less)</i></p> <p>During the first quarter of the ENMR•Plateau Middle Mile Project, work on preliminary items to help jumpstart the projects include the OSP (Outside plant) project design, dense-wave division multiplexing (DWDM) network design as well as the beginning stages of the Environmental Assessment (EA) process.</p> <p>With the pending approval of the EA being the most critical concern to the progress of the project, ENMR-Plateau has actively sought out the agencies that are impacted by the project in order to complete all the necessary steps required to receive EA approval. Several agencies in New Mexico have been contacted and were assembled on April 19<sup>th</sup> to organize the most effective, efficient means possible to complete the EA process within the allotted timeframe. Some of the various agencies include State Historical Preservation Office (SHPO), New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT), the Corps of Engineers, Geologists, Cultural Resources, and others. During this meeting a detailed explanation of the project was given including route maps with an overlay of the cultural resources. A multitude of conference calls with a number of the previously mentioned agencies and NTIA have also taken place to determine all the necessary information and processes that are required to complete the EA on time.</p> <p>The OSP project design has been very preliminary during the first quarter of the project. The majority of the work completed thus far on the design has been confirming routes and anchor locations provided in the application. We have created the steps necessary to move forward with the project in terms of EA approval and the staking process. Updating and adjusting the project schedule to reflect a more accurate picture of the project timeline has also been completed as part of the design process.</p> <p>ENMR-Plateau has been working on the DWDM network design for the 1,600 mile core network ring. The verification of existing DWDM equipment sites and determination of new equipment sites have been the main focus for this portion of the project. An RFP for equipment was sent out and evaluations of those results are taking place.</p> <p>No federal expenditures have been made during the first quarter of the project.</p>	
<p>4. Performance Projections (Q2) <i>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., environmental assessment, design, rights of way) to structure your answer. (500 words or less)</i></p> <p>During the second quarter of the project, the primary focus will be on the completion and approval of the EA. Being that the entire project is dependent on the EA approval, ENMR-Plateau will work in cooperation with a cultural resource/environmental consultant and state and federal agencies to ensure that an EA approval is received in the allotted timeframe. As mentioned earlier in this narrative, current progress is being made on the EA as the level of effort being required by SHPO and DOT has been determined and work will now be done to satisfy all of their requirements. Once the environmental and cultural resource efforts have satisfied the NMDOT requirements, ENMR-Plateau will be able to proceed with obtaining DOT permits as well.</p> <p>Additionally ENMR-Plateau will be finalizing the network designs for both the DWDM and Anchor Institution projects. Gathering technical data, quotes, and network specifications are all vital steps that must be completed during this phase.</p> <p>For the OSP portion of the project, verification of routes and the staking process will begin in each of the five communities. Staking</p>	

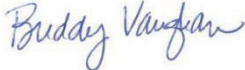
will include both in-field and CAD operations to prepare for construction. Once staking is complete, we can determine the amount of construction units that will be required for the project and can develop plans and specs from these units. The development and approval of the plans and specs will allow the bidding and contract awarding process to commence once EA approval has been granted by NTIA.

Contacting vendors to update them with finalized designs for the DWDM network and requesting updated pricing will also commence during this quarter. When all equipment updates have been made and updated quotes have been received, ENMR-Plateau will be able to select a vendor. Once a vendor is selected, they will be notified and we will begin to negotiate a modified RUS 397 contract. The signing and execution of this contract will be dependent on the EA approval as well.

During this quarter ENMR-Plateau is also evaluating potential sites for land acquisition or lease, working on obtaining franchise agreements in the markets that ENMR-Plateau intends to serve anchor institutions and meeting with those anchor institutions in order to ensure that ENMR-Plateau will be able to meet their broadband service needs.

During the second quarter, ENMR-Plateau expects to incur expenses related to consulting/engineering work related to the project. It is anticipated that up to \$100,000 would be expensed during the second quarter.

**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.**

<p>5a. Typed or Printed Name and Title of Authorized Certifying Official</p> <p>Buddy Vaughan, Chief Strategy Officer</p>	<p>5c. Telephone (<i>area code, number and extension</i>)</p> <p>(575) 389-5100</p>
<p>5b. Signature of Authorized Certifying Official</p> 	<p>5d. Email Address</p> <p><a href="mailto:bvaughan@plateautel.com">bvaughan@plateautel.com</a></p> <p>5e. Date Report Submitted (<i>Month, Day, Year</i>)</p> <p><b>4/30/10</b></p>

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