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ANNUAL PERFORMANCE PROGRESS REPORT FOR BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

General Information

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| 1. Federal Agency and Organizational Element to Which Report is Submitted Department of Commerce, National Telecommunications and Information Administration | 2. Award Identification Number NT10BIX5570031 | 3. DUNS Number 809594377 |
| 4. Recipient Organization Executive Office State of West Virginia 1900 Kanawha Blvd East, Charleston, WV 25305-0009 | | |
| 5. Current Reporting Period End Date (MM/DD/YYYY) 12-31-2012 | 6. Is this the last Annual Report of the Award Period? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" 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. | | |
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| 7b. Signature of Certifying Official Submitted Electronically | 7e. Date Report Submitted (MM/DD/YYYY): 02-27-2013 | |

OVERALL PROJECT PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

1. Please provide the following average cost figures for your project. Please review the instructions to determine how to calculate these figures. Write "0" in the second column and "N/A" in the third column if your project does not yet have this information. Depending on whether your project contains Middle Mile and/or Last Mile components, some metrics may not apply. Please provide a narrative description if the total is different from the target provided in your baseline plan (600 words or less).

| Cost Indicator | Average Cost / Speed | Narrative (describe your reasons for any variance from the baseline plan or any other relevant information) |
|--|----------------------|---|
| Average cost per new mile (Middle Mile) | 47,500 | Although the baseline indicates a cost of \$17,000 per mile, the actual cost is at \$47,500 per mile. This is a decrease from \$50,000 as noted on the 2011 Annual Report. We expect the cost to continue to decrease. However, the storms late in 2012, the environmental considerations, delay on fiber receipts, and other factors continue to cause the per mile cost to be above baseline. |
| Average cost per household passed (Last Mile) | N/A | N/A |
| Average cost per subscriber (Last Mile) | N/A | N/A |
| Maximum broadband speed advertised (Middle Mile) | 50 MEG | The 50 MEG maximum is in keeping with the baseline for the EOWV BTOP grant. |
| Maximum broadband speed advertised (Last Mile) | N/A | N/A |
| Average broadband speed provided (Middle Mile) | 10 MEG | The average speed at 10MEG is in keeping with the baseline for the EOWV BTOP grant. |
| Average broadband speed provided (Last Mile) | N/A | N/A |

2. Please provide each facility name and type, the county where the facility is located, and census tract information for any facilities funded by your project during this annual reporting period. Report only facilities for which construction has been completed.

| Facility Identifier / Name | Facility Type | County | Census Tracts |
|----------------------------|---------------|----------|---------------|
| Addendum | Addendum | Addendum | Addendum |

Add Facility

Remove Facility

3. Please identify (1) the total number of interconnection, peering, and/or transit agreements entered into during this annual reporting period; (2) the total number of agreements of each type that you are currently negotiating; and (3) whether you have denied any request for interconnection and if so, why. If you have not entered into any agreements, please write "N/A."

Interconnection Agreements (600 words or less)

Frontier Communications is currently finalizing an interconnect agreement with CityNet West Virginia LLC for the Bridgeport Library location. The details of said "in progress" agreement are below.

2.0 BTOP Fiber Meet Point

2.1 All Charges are based on the following in accordance with the Technical Specifications Form:

GPS COORDINATES

A Location GPS Stop 39.2996 -80.2752
Z Location GPS Start 39.2989 -80.2731

PHYSICAL LOCATION

Access to Fiber serving the Bridgeport Public Library
1200 Johnson Avenue, Bridgeport, WV in Harrison County

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ACCESS

The Fiber will be made available at installed splice case at the A Location to Z Location Demarcation Point within the Bridgeport Public Library

2.2 Monthly Recurring Charges

Access per Fiber Strand \$5.27

Maintenance Cost per Fiber Strand \$0.36

Total Fiber Strands Ordered

CityNet LLC has yet to advise as to how many strand they wish to order.

Frontier Communications has received one other request from the Weirton Area Port Authority. We are in the beginning stages of this request and to this point, it appears their request is in error. They have not requested access to specific BTOP fiber segments. In their initial inquiry, they requested a "co-location" presence within the Weirton Central Office for what they called "access to the BTOP network". This falls outside the guidelines of the BTOP interconnection agreement. We will be having a meeting with representatives from the WAPA, Frontier Carrier Services, Frontier Legal and Engineering to discuss and resolve the issue. At this point, it would appear we will be denying the request as it is written today. We anticipate additional connection points as the grant progresses.

Peering and Transit Agreements (600 words or less)

N/A

CAPACITY, UTILIZATION, AND CAPABILITY INDICATORS

4. Community Anchor Institutions: In the chart below, please provide information on the types of community anchor institutions capable of receiving service (i.e., anchor institutions connected to your network plus those passed by your network) as a result of BTOP funds.

| Type of Community Anchor Institution | Total Number Within Service Area | Type of Community Anchor Institution | Total Number Within Service Area |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|
| Schools (K-12) | 718 | Public Housing | 0 |
| Libraries | 176 | Other Institutions of Higher Education | 19 |
| Medical and Healthcare Providers | 392 | Other Community Support Organizations | 20 |
| Public Safety Entities | 863 | Other Government Facilities | 1 |
| Community Colleges | 17 | Total Community Anchor Institutions | 2,206 |

5. Please indicate the average increase in broadband speed provided to the community anchor institution customers as a result of your project, including a description of how this increase was calculated (600 words or less).

Copper facilities have been at the heart of telecommunications for many years. It's a testament to the ingenuity of telco engineers that its data capacity has been pushed to DSL2 speeds up to 45 Mbps on an average, but copper is rapidly reaching its maximum potential. But where copper stops, fiber starts. Fiber gives you a "truer bandwidth" connection. If you buy a 10Mbit/s EPL connection, for example, 10Mbit/s is exactly what you'll get, 24/7. It doesn't matter how far away from the exchange you are, or how busy the network becomes - you'll be getting a reliable approximate 10Mbit/s in both directions. Based on upgrading data communication lines with fiber as part of our BTOP initiative, we can now achieve data speeds of 100 Megabit Ethernet, Gigabit Ethernet, OC3 (155 Mbps), OC12 (622 Mbps), and OC48 (2.5 Gbps) if required.

6. What retail services are being provided by this project? Please describe below. (600 words or less). As an attachment to this report, please provide pricing plans (in \$ per month) associated with each retail service. Retail services description:

This WV BTOP grant does not provide any retail services. The fiber is placed at the Community Anchor Institute with termination points and interconnect points established for the customer to order services from multiple potential vendors.

The BTOP fiber is classified as "dark fiber". It is up to the individual CAI location as to the service provider they wish to use, as well as the type of service they wish to order.

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7a. What network management policies (e.g., bandwidth limitations, traffic prioritization) are in place for the services provided by your project? 7b. Have you ever limited or blocked consumers from accessing any lawful content, service, service provider, or application, or prevented any consumers from attaching any legal device to the network? If so, please explain why (300 words or less)?

7a. N/A

7b. N/A

8. If applicable, please provide the total number and the percentage of subscribers who have dropped the broadband service provided through this project (total number of households and/or businesses and the "churn rate") and the subscribers' reasons for discontinuing their service (600 words or less).

This project does not offer broadband services.

9. Please provide the following information regarding the number of fiber strand-miles:

| Total Number of Strand-miles | Total Number of Active Fiber Strand-miles Used by Recipient | Total Number of Leased Fiber Strand-miles | Total Number of Dark Fiber Strand-miles | Total Number of Strand-miles Being Built | | |
|------------------------------|---|---|---|--|--------|--------|
| | | | | Active | Leased | Dark |
| 91,296 | 27,388 | 0 | 63,908 | 29,160 | 0 | 68,040 |

10. If you wholesale dark fiber, please list your wholesale customers and the number of fiber miles you currently are leasing to those customers:

We are currently negotiating one interconnect agreement with CityNet West Virginia LLC. Frontier is still awaiting the amount of fiber strands that CityNet wishes to utilize, but the total mileage of that agreement will 0.19 miles.

11. Please provide the following information regarding the facility collocation capacity:

| Total Facility (total square feet for all facilities) | Number of Square Feet Used by Recipient | Number of Square Feet Leased | Number of Square Feet Available |
|---|---|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

12. If you do not own collocation space, please describe how and where other network providers and/or customers interconnect with your network (600 words or less).

Frontier Communications does own collocation space. Potential providers can apply for collocation space at the respective Central Office as well connect directly into the BTOP fiber at the existing A to Z locations as defined in the Interconnection Agreement.

13. To the extent that you have made any subcontracts or sub grants, please provide the number of subcontracts or sub grants that have been made to socially and economically disadvantaged small business (SDB) concerns as defined by section 8(a) of the Small Business Act, 15 U.S.C. 647, as modified by NTIA's adoption of an alternative small business size standard for use in BTOP. Please also provide the names of these SDB entities (150 words or less).

We have two subcontracts. One is with Frontier Communications, the other is with Lewis County Commission.

14. Please describe any best practices/lessons learned that can be shared with other similar BTOP projects (900 words or less).

Key learnings for this project have come from the needs of public communication. When dealing with public entities such as K12 and others it has been determined that it is best to provide weekly status reports and long term schedules for fiber roll out. With the development of consistent weekly reporting much of the publics desire for status updates has been satisfied. Additional communication (Monthly Meetings) with CAI points of contact has been a best practice allowing all key questions to be addressed in a group forum and allow CAIs to feel connected to the project and lets them know they are a priority.

In retrospect, it would be a positive for all similar grants to begin "outreach" programs at receipt of grant funding. After grant award, the "outreach" should be on-going. A proactive program would serve to minimize many misunderstandings associated with grant actions.

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We utilized a Point of Contact (POC) approach to disseminate information to the end user. It would have been better had we had more direct approach at the user level at intervals, but maintaining the overall POC approach.

The magnitude of the grant, including total funding, differences of major efforts contained within the grant, and varying entities associated would have been better served had we utilized at all levels a single data-base.

15. Using the Excel spreadsheet template titled "Annual PPR CCI Addendum", please provide an updated list of Community Anchor Institutions (CAIs) that you have connected and plan to connect to your network.

16. Using the Excel spreadsheet template titled "Annual PPR CCI Addendum", please provide a list of community pairs that are receiving new or improved broadband service as a result of BTOP grant funds.

17. Please provide up-to-date network route maps in a single file, in a Google Earth compatible format (e.g., KMZ file).