



FIRST PERFORMANCE PROGRESS REPORT 2010

1. Recipient Organization (Name and complete address including zip code) Texas A&M University	2. Award Identification Number NT10BIX5570107
3. Performance Narrative (Q1) <i>Please describe your project activities and progress for the first quarter of your award period. 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>The activities of the first quarter centered on the submission of the environmental assessment (EA). To accomplish this we met with the State Historical Preservation Board (SHPB) Environmental Specialist. The 106 submissions were sent to the SHPB on October 8, 2010. We are currently working through the contractual process to hire an environmental consultant to assist with the rest of the EA process. We have not spent any of the funds to date. We are not expecting any delays at this time.</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>The efforts of the second quarter will focus on the completion of the EA process. Assuming that we receive FONSI approval within the second month of the quarter, we anticipate completing one of the fiber optic segments (Riverside Campus in College Station, Texas). We will also begin and complete the detailed engineering of all of the fiber segments. Other activities include the update of the construction timeline with the EA process factored in and submission of the first six months budget. Three of the members of the leadership team of Texas A&M University will attend the BTOP Round Two Recipient Workshop in Washington DC. An outreach plan that will include media events will be developed (in accordance with NTIA guidelines). The engineer who will be the overall project manager for this initiative has been selected and will begin work in January, 2011. We are not expecting any delays at this time.</p>	
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.	
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5b. Signature of Authorized Certifying Official 	5e. Date Report Submitted (Month, Day, Year) 10-28-10

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