

Special Award Conditions

Award Number: NT10BIX5570046

Amendment Number: 4

1) Compliance with Project Performance and Measures Special Award Condition

Broadband Technology Opportunities Program Grant

State of Louisiana Board of Regents- Louisiana Alliance Project (NT10BIX5570046)

This BTOP Grant Special Award Condition establishes requirements applicable to implementation of the State of Louisiana Board of Regents-Louisiana Broadband Alliance Project. The funding of the Grant is dependent on compliance with the provisions of this Special Award Condition.

The National Telecommunication and Information Administration (NTIA) has brought to the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Grants Management Divisions attention that their most recent site visit has arisen serious concerns about this project's viability. The major concern raised by NTIA was about the nine month delay in the project schedule and noted that the construction should commence no later than July 2011 as a critical path for completing this project within the award period. NTIA's concerns are that significant modifications to the project will result in further delays and/or failure to deliver total broadband benefits as promised for the award period.

To satisfy NTIA's concerns, it is imperative that The Department of Administrative (DOA) provide a sufficient detailed corrective action plan that will address the deficiencies that currently exist. The plan must include the following:

1. Preliminary construction schedule and project deployment plan based on the remaining months of the award period - Narrative should include the specific steps that DOA will implement to overcome the significant delays that the project has incurred to date;
2. Narrative explanation of the organizational relationship between the Board of Regents (BOR) and DOA, including an organizational chart;
3. Copy of the Interagency Agreement Memorandum of Understanding between BOR and DOA. The document should clearly state the roles and responsibilities of each agency regarding the administration and management of the BTOP grant award;
4. Description of proposed or planned project modifications (if any);
5. Explanation/clarification or private provider/private industry role and the specific steps that DOA will take to address their concerns regarding the BTOP-funded network;
6. DOA-OIA expertise and knowledge regarding compliance with federal grants rules and regulations;
7. DOA-OIA expertise regarding the management and operation of broadband networks; and

8. Confirmation of BOR/DOA's commitment to complete the project within the 3-year grant period and to deliver the specific service (with applicable terms, conditions, and prices) as outlined in the application and grant award documentation

This information requested above must be provided by May 13, 2011. Failure to do so could result in enforcement action due to the mounting concerns about the project's viability.

Due Date: 05/13/2011

Satisfied Date: 06/29/2011