Background
The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) provides quarterly statutory reports to Congress on the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP). This report covers activities from October 1 – December 31, 2019. Previous reports are available online at www2.ntia.doc.gov.

Program Progress
In 2010, NTIA invested $4 billion in 233 BTOP projects. As of December 31, 2019, only two BTOP infrastructure projects remained in active status: Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System Authority (LA-RICS) and the Executive Office of the State of Mississippi (Mississippi). All remaining projects completed their project activities.

Monitoring and Grants Administration
NTIA continues to protect taxpayer investments by proactively engaging with these grant recipients to monitor project activities and grant compliance. Each quarter, the active BTOP recipients also report their financial and project performance. NTIA analyzes these reports closely to monitor progress and compliance.

LA-RICS Update

✦ Planning – LA-RICS submitted the final environmental assessment for the remaining 14 sites for NTIA review and approval.

✦ Construction – After experiencing delays with site acquisition and required zoning approvals, LA-RICS began constructing one site and awarded construction contracts for an additional 10 of the 26 planned sites. It also released invitations to bid for an additional 12 sites.

✦ Procurements – LA-RICS negotiated a final contract with the winning vendor for the Cell on Light Trucks (CoLTs) procurement and received approval from the Board of Directors to move forward.

Mississippi Update

✦ Construction – The University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) continued making progress toward completing the Public Safety Communications Center in Jackson, including procuring the required communications equipment. UMMC completed the site work for storm water runoff, installed the permanent roof, finalized utility installations and began building out the interior space.

✦ Equipment installations and Planning – Mississippi added approximately 370 new miles of wireless infrastructure to its microwave system. Mississippi's Wireless Commission began planning for equipment and services to further expand the state-wide microwave system with the remaining BTOP grant funds allocated to this project.