



FIRST PERFORMANCE PROGRESS REPORT 2010

1. Recipient Organization (<i>Name and complete address including zip code</i>) Appalachian Valley Fiber Network (AVFN) 10005 Commerce St. Summerville, GA 30747	2. Award Identification Number NT10B1X5570101
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> AVFN was notified of Grant Award on August 18 th . Due to the considerable time lapse between the application's inception and Grant Award every facet of the application and partnership required review and legal consultation to insure total understanding of expectations and clarification of grant requirements by NTIA. AVFN asked for and was granted a 2 week extension for Grant Acceptance in mid-September. On September 30 th (the last day of the Q3 reporting period) AVFN formally accepted the Grant. However, we do not anticipate any delays or challenges to the overall project plan as a result of the time lapse in award acceptance. AVFN anticipated acceptance of the grant and during the pre-acceptance period, AVFN initiated post-acceptance planning activities for the Grant including staffing and internal structure planning. AVFN prepared an RFP for Environmental Assessment and immediately upon Grant Acceptance released the required advertisement. Numerous meetings and phone calls were initiated to begin the process of procuring right of way for the project. A significant portion (approximately 30%) of the proposed fiber construction route is along Norfolk Southern Railways existing track system and requires coordination and approval from Norfolk Southern. AVFN also met with Alabama and Georgia Public Partners during the pre-acceptance period to apprise them of our award status and provide project updates. Since Grant acceptance was not until the end of the quarterly reporting period AVFN was excluded from hitting any of the key milestone categories. AVFN has the advantage of extensive experience in fiber construction, knowledge of the geographic area and the unique capability to ramp up quickly in Q4 as the result of the preliminary work accomplished during the pre-acceptance period. Federal Expenditures Q3 1.) Administrative and Legal \$61,914.00	
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> AVFN expects an aggressive Q4- 2010. The following milestones will be completed or substantially completed: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Completion of Baseline Report and final budget revisions• Award of Environmental Assessment (EA) Consultant firm and immediate initiation of the EA with simultaneous review and consideration of issues regarding potential impact of network design and possible route changes.• Simultaneous coordination and preparation of final Network Design• Project engineering planning initiated with consideration of EA updates• Right of Way (ROW) review and surveys initiated with resolution of any ROW issues identified and resolution (alternate routes) initiated prior to completion of final EA.• Review of existing Franchise Agreements with municipalities and counties and completion of additional agreements as necessary and required.• Completion of all other licensing and permit requirements for first phase construction• Land and structure acquisition for fiber termination of core AVFN network in Operation Centers including easement access, building space, patch panels and required fiber cross connect to render network operational immediately. Acquisition and make ready construction required in advance to enable immediate customer activation within core network.• Preparation of preliminary drafts of RFP's including but not limited to Construction RFP details, Equipment RFP details and site review planning with consideration of EA updates.• Code of Conduct completion and submission• Procurement Policies and Procedures completion	

- The only potential delays would result from the Environmental Assessment timeline

Federal Expenditures for Q4:

- 1.) Administrative and Legal : \$ 302,170.00
- 3.) Relocation Expenses: \$ 60,000.00
- 5.) Other Arcit. and Engineering \$ 12,000.00

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.

5a. Typed or Printed Name and Title of Authorized Certifying Official	5c. Telephone (<i>area code, number and extension</i>) 770-547-3804
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5b. Signature of Authorized Certifying Official 	5e. Date Report Submitted (<i>Month, Day, Year</i>) October 30, 2010

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