



FIRST PERFORMANCE PROGRESS REPORT 2010

1. Recipient Organization (<i>Name and complete address including zip code</i>) Nexus Systems, Inc. 2904 Evangeline Street Monroe LA 71201	2. Award Identification Number NT10BIX5570118
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><i>The key milestone being addressed in Quarter 1 is beginning the environmental review ("ER") for the project in conjunction with the engineering RFP and related systems design. A preliminary environmental assessment has been conducted by an outside contractor providing data to develop the overall engineering and environmental RFP specifications. Consultation with the Department of Transportation has resulted in minor adjustments in the routes to accommodate planned changes in the roadway. The engineering RFP is now being issued to contract outside engineers for completing the formal ER and construction bid development for Quarter 2. Contact has been made with key stakeholders for environmental, right of way and co-location acquisition with very good response. Research and bid development for key materials has been accomplished with bids to begin during the next quarter. Consultations with key partners and critical community facilities for extended needs assessment is to be undertaken. No federal expenditures have been made during this quarter due to the short reporting period and initial start up procedures being implemented.</i></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><i>Key milestones for the Quarter 2 will be contracting for engineering and formal development of the environmental review plan. Basic environmental review has begun and bids have been let for engineering and additional environmental services to begin in early December with a 60 day window for engineering completion. Bid development for basic materials is expected to be completed during this period in order to begin staging materials for anticipated contracting in the next two quarters. Significant accomplishments expected will be the engineering contracting and design along with significant progress to complete environmental review. It is expected required site land and right of ways will be secured along with variances for placement of regeneration stations and similar items necessary for the construction project. The one tower site in the project will be determined and submitted for FAA/FCC compliance evaluation. The only significant challenge which may be encountered could be delays due to the complexity and number of parties in the environmental review. Internal management issues of credit line, insurance, required bonding, and any Public Service Commission requirements will be completed during this period. Federal expenditures expected will be related to engineering and environmental contracting, basic testing equipment purchase, land and right of way and permits and acquisition needs, and similar pre-construction expenditures. A six month budget projection is being submitted with all pre-construction items being estimated at \$700,000 of budget funds.</i></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.	
5a. Typed or Printed Name and Title of Authorized Certifying Official Mark Stevenson, President	5c. Telephone (<i>area code, number and extension</i>) 318-340-0750 5d. Email Address 318-340-0580
5b. Signature of Authorized Certifying Official	5e. Date Report Submitted (<i>Month, Day, Year</i>)

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