



FIRST PERFORMANCE PROGRESS REPORT 2010

1. Recipient Organization (<i>Name and complete address including zip code</i>) Northern Illinois University, Wellness Literacy Room 2116, DeKalb, IL 60115	2. Award Identification Number NT10BIX5570144
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> Northern Illinois University received notice of BTOP funding on September 14, 2010 for the Northwest BTOP proposal to provide high speed broadband infrastructure to over 500 CAI's in 9 counties in the northwestern Illinois region. The following narrative describes project activities for the initial quarter of the grant award, July 1, 2010 through September 30, 2010. Federal Expenditures: Since the quarter ended two weeks after notice of award, no expenditures including match were made as of September 30, 2010. Delays of Challenges: We did not experience any delays or challenges during the quarter. Overall Project <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The project team finalized program and financial due diligence activity in collaboration with the NTIA.• The project team developed a methodology for project management with partners.• The project team initiated pre project planning and evaluation of organizational structures designed to increase efficiency and execution of project activities. Environmental Assessment <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The project team initiated preliminary preparation for implementation of the environmental assessment including the evaluation of potential engineering firms to complete the EA, and establishment of review criteria and interview schedule. Network Design <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The project team initiated final review processes for the proposed network design. Rights of Way <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No activity in this quarter Construction Permits and Other Approvals <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No activity in this quarter Site Preparation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No activity in this quarter Equipment Procurement <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No activity in this quarter	

Network Build (Owned, Leased, IRUs, etc.)

- No activity in this quarter

Equipment Deployment

- No activity in this quarter

Network Testing

- No activity in this quarter

Other

4. Performance Projections (Q2)

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)

Anticipated Project Activities for October 1, 2010 – December 31, 2010

Federal Expenditures: We anticipate engineering, engineering support, and external engineering consulting firm expenditures in this quarter including personnel, fringes, legal, pre award costs, and other associated expenditures.

Delays or Challenges: A potential challenge this quarter will be working with NTIA to address the issue raised by sub-recipient organizations that they would prefer to not be involved in managing the procurement process for construction in the geographic region as originally proposed.

Overall Project

- The project team will formalize and implement methodology for project management with partners.
- Legal council will be identified and hired to develop template contracts for construction, IRUs, and other related project activities.
- The 6-month budget will be developed, finalized, and submitted to NITA.
- The baseline project plan will be developed, finalized, and submitted to NITA

Environmental Assessment

- The project team will interview, select, and enter into a contract with an environmental engineering firm to complete the required environmental assessment.
- The environmental assessment will be completed and submitted to NTIA for review and comment.

Network Design

- Final network design will be completed.

Rights of Way

- No activity in this quarter

Construction Permits and Other Approvals

- The project team will begin the process of identification, review, and selection of construction companies for implementation.

Site Preparation

- No activity in this quarter

Equipment Procurement

- No activity in this quarter

Network Build (Owned, Leased, IRUs, etc.)

- No activity in this quarter

Equipment Deployment

- No activity in this quarter

Network Testing

- No activity in this quarter

Other

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

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5e. Date Report Submitted (*Month, Day, Year*)

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