

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Performance Progress Report

2. Award Or Grant Number

17-50-M09033

4. Report Date (MM/DD/YYYY)

04-16-2012

1. Recipient Name

The Partnership for a Connected Illinois

6. Designated Entity On Behalf Of:

State of Illinois

3. Street Address

413 W. Monroe St,

8. Final Report?

Yes

No

9. Report Frequency

Quarterly

Semi Annual

Annual

Final

5. City, State, Zip Code

Springfield, IL 62704

7. Project / Grant Period
Start Date: (MM/DD/YYYY)

12-20-2009

7a. End Date: (MM/DD/YYYY)

12-19-2014

7b. Reporting Period End Date:

03-31-2012

9a. If Other, please describe:

n/a

10. Broadband Mapping

10a. Provider Table

Number of Providers Identified	Number of Providers Contacted	Number of Agreements Reached for Data Sharing	Number of Partial Data Sets Received	Number of Complete Data Sets	Number of Data Sets Verified
0	0	0	0	0	0

10b. Are you submitting the required PROVIDER DATA by using the Excel spreadsheet provided by the SBDD grants office? Yes No

10c. Have you encountered challenges with any providers that indicate they may refuse to participate in this project? Yes No

10d. If so, describe the discussions to date with each of these providers and the current status

A number of small telecommunications providers were reluctant to provide data in this round. After discussions with the Illinois Telecommunications Association and the individual providers, several of those who were initially reluctant did indeed provide data.

10e. If you are collecting data through other means (e.g. data extraction, extrapolation, etc), please describe your progress to date and the relevant activities to be undertaken in the future

Other than data provided directly to us by the provider, we have collected data by examining carrier websites to see if the advertised services were similar to the data that already existed in our database.

10f. Please describe the verification activities you plan to implement

PCI uses five different methods to verify the data that is submitted. Methods include working with the provider to verify data, allowing the broadband user to verify what is submitted, relying on the trusted users in eTeams to relay feedback on coverage in their area, collaborating with third party data sources, and through demand research.

10g. Have you initiated verification activities? Yes No

10h. If yes, please describe the status of your activities

PCI has now implemented all five verification activities. Detailed information about how each activity is implemented and used can be found in our Round 5 Methodology document submitted to NTIA, which is also found on our website at <http://broadbandillinois.org/news/113>.

10i. If verification activities have not been initiated please provide a projected time line for beginning and completing such activities

All five verification activities have now been implemented and continue to be used.

Staffing

10j. How many jobs have been created or retained as a result of this project?

14.84 jobs have been created as a result of this project, 80% of which are paid by these grant funds, yielding 11.87 jobs.

10k. Is the project currently fully staffed? Yes No

10l. If no, please explain how any lack of staffing may impact the project's time line and when the project will be fully staffed

PCI is currently recruiting additional eTeam staff. The project timeline is not affected by this vacancy at this time.

10m. When fully staffed, how many full-time equivalent (FTE) jobs do you expect to create or retain as a result of this project?

It is anticipated that PCI will have 18 FTE jobs when fully staffed, yielding 14.4 positions created as a result of the grant.

10n. Staffing Table

Job Title	FTE %	Date of Hire
Executive Director	100	02/06/2010
Director of Broadband Impact	62	05/03/2010
Senior Adviser	33	05/09/2011
Director of Development	29	02/01/2010
Director of Mapping & Analysis	25	09/01/2010
Director of Research	33	11/01/2011
Director of Finance & Administration	52	12/16/2011
Telecom Project Manager	100	09/01/2010
Information Architect	100	05/03/2010
Regional eTeam Coordinator	100	07/01/2011
Regional eTeam Coordinator	54	03/01/2011
Regional eTeam Coordinator	100	05/01/2011
Events Coordinator	33	09/01/2010
GIS Analyst	84	03/01/2011
Grants Administrator	100	04/04/2011
Executive Assistant	100	04/18/2011
Information Technology Support Specialist	100	02/01/2011
Program Interns	27	07/01/2011
GIS Analyst	69	01/30/2012
Communication Specialist	77	01/23/2012
Web & Communications Assistant	39	03/05/2012
Statewide eTeam Director	46	02/20/2012
Regional Representative	21	03/01/2011

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Sub Contracts

10o. Subcontracts Table

Name of Subcontractor	Purpose of Subcontract	RFP Issued (Y/N)	Contract Executed (Y/N)	Start Date	End Date	Federal Funds	In-Kind Funds

Connected Nation	Data Collection, Processing & Mapping	N	Y	01/22/2010	01/30/2012	873,483	279,303
Southern Illinois University Carbondale	Community Anchor Institution Research	N	Y	12/01/2009	11/30/2011	96,866	0
Man-Tra-Con	Community Anchor Institution Research	N	Y	12/01/2009	11/30/2011	134,600	46,000

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Funding

10p. How much Federal funding has been expended as of the end of the last quarter? \$3,153,924 10q. How much Remains? \$3,400,717

10r. How much matching funds have been expended as of the end of last quarter? \$788,481 10s. How much Remains? \$920,897

10t. Budget Worksheet

Mapping Budget Element	Federal Funds Granted	Proposed In-Kind	Total Budget	Federal Funds Expended	Matching Funds Expended	Total Funds Expended
Personal Salaries	\$2,325,000	\$0	\$2,325,000	\$730,038	\$117,024	\$847,062
Personnel Fringe Benefits	\$710,400	\$0	\$710,400	\$98,544	\$15,609	\$114,153
Travel	\$48,034	\$0	\$48,034	\$95,405	\$21,089	\$116,494
Equipment	\$50,400	\$0	\$50,400	\$33,230	\$7,779	\$41,009
Materials / Supplies	\$160,300	\$0	\$160,300	\$28,983	\$5,136	\$34,118
Subcontracts Total	\$1,104,949	\$325,303	\$1,430,252	\$995,580	\$237,438	\$1,233,019
Subcontract #1	\$873,483	\$279,303	\$1,152,786	\$849,856	\$163,792	\$1,013,648
Subcontract #2	\$96,866	\$0	\$96,866	\$51,940	\$15,980	\$67,920
Subcontract #3	\$134,600	\$46,000	\$180,600	\$93,784	\$57,666	\$151,450
Subcontract #4	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subcontract #5	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Construction	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other	\$2,155,558	\$1,384,075	\$3,539,633	\$1,172,144	\$384,406	\$1,556,550
Total Direct Costs	\$6,554,641	\$1,709,378	\$8,264,019	\$3,153,924	\$788,481	\$3,942,405
Total Indirect Costs	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Costs	\$6,554,641	\$1,709,378	\$8,264,019	\$3,153,924	\$788,481	\$3,942,405
% Of Total	80	20	100	80	20	100

Hardware / Software

10u. Has the project team purchased the software / hardware described in the application? Yes No

10v. If yes, please list

In this quarter, PCI had several software and hardware purchases, as we added staff and relocated our offices to a permanent location. Purchases included five computers for \$10,842, one server with rack and related connection devices for \$9,035, one ESRI software license for \$10,519 and one TerraGo Tech software license for \$2,500.

10w. Please note any software / hardware that has yet to be purchased and explain why it has not been purchased

Additional hardware and software purchases will be made if deemed necessary, particularly as new staff are added.

10x. Has the project team purchased or used any data sets? Yes No

10y. If yes, please list

No additional data sets were purchased this quarter. Other data sets were previously reported.

10z. Are there any additional project milestones or information that has not been included? Yes No

10aa. If yes, please list

N/A

10bb. Please describe any challenge or obstacle that you have encountered and detail the mitigation strategies the project team is employing

PCI encountered a few minor challenges in this data cycle, relating to census blocks, boundary clipping, and corrections to the community anchor institution database. These issues were all resolved, and are detailed in our Round 5 Methodology document submitted to NTIA, which is also found on our website at <http://broadbandillinois.org/news/113>.

10cc. Please provide any other information that you think would be useful to NTIA as it assesses your Broadband Mapping Project

PCI began the quarter with two new GIS staff members whose primary role was the Broadband Mapping Project. Having two people working on the mapping aspect, with others assisting with carrier outreach and data verification, PCI successfully met the requirements for the April 1, 2012 data submission to the NTIA.

11. Broadband Planning

11a. Please describe progress made against all goals, objectives, and milestones detailed in the approved Project Plan. Be sure to include a description of each major activity / milestone that you plan to complete and your current status

PCI has made progress in the areas of fiber mapping, technical assistance, and capacity building. Additional details are provided in the Q1 Supplemental Answers document.

11b. Please describe any challenge or obstacle that you have encountered and detail the mitigation strategies the project team is employing

PCI has experienced challenges in the Chicago Fiber Mapping project due to a change of administration from when the project was first proposed. Key staff are actively working with current City administration to come up with a mutually agreeable plan to move forward. Additionally, PCI has been in contract negotiations with the University of Illinois for several months regarding its proposed research project. Key staff are currently trying to come to an agreement over issues holding up progress.

11c. Does the Project Team anticipate any changes to the project plan for Broadband Planning? Yes No

11d. If yes, please describe these anticipated changes. Please note that NTIA will need to approve changes to the Project Plan before they can be implemented

No changes are anticipated at this time.

Funding

11e. How much Federal funding has been expended as of the end of the last quarter? \$0

11f. How much Remains? \$0

11g. How much matching funds have been expended as of the end of last quarter? \$0

11h. How much Remains? \$0

11i. Planning Worksheet

Personal Salaries	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Personnel Fringe Benefits	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Travel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

11i. Planning Worksheet

Materials / Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subcontracts Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subcontract #1	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subcontract #2	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subcontract #3	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subcontract #4	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subcontract #5	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Construction	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Direct Costs	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Indirect Costs	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Costs	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
% Of Total	0	0	0	0	0	0

Additional Planning Information

11j. Are there any additional project milestones or information that has not been included?

There are no additional project milestones to report.

11k. Please describe any challenge or obstacle that you have encountered and detail the mitigation strategies the Project Team is employing

There are no additional challenges or obstacles to report.

11l. Please provide any other information that you think would be useful to NTIA as it assesses your Broadband Mapping Project

There is no additional information to report.

12. Certification: I certify to the best of my knowledge and belief that this report is correct and complete for performance of activities for the purpose set forth in the award documents.

12a. Typed or Printed Name and Title of Authorized Certifying Official

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Submitted Electronically

12e. Date Report Submitted
(Month, Day, Year)

06-12-2012