

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**Performance Progress Report**

2. Award Or Grant Number

23-50-M09062

4. Report Date (MM/DD/YYYY)

06-05-2012

1. Recipient Name

State of Maine, ConnectME Authority

6. Designated Entity On Behalf Of:

State of Maine

3. Street Address

138 Statehouse Station,

8. Final Report?

Yes

No

9. Report Frequency

Quarterly

Semi Annual

Annual

Final

5. City, State, Zip Code

Augusta, ME 04333-0138

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

01-01-2010

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

12-31-2014

7b. Reporting Period End Date:

06-30-2012

9a. If Other, please describe:

NA

**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

The project team has not entered into data sharing agreements with the following providers:

- ACS Telecom Inc.
- Bullseye Telecom
- Caprock Communications
- Cybertek Web Connection
- Hughes Network Systems
- Hussey Communications
- Level 3 Communications
- Matrix Telecom
- Mitel Netsolutions
- Paetec Communications
- Qwest Communications International, Inc.
- RCN Corporation
- Segtel
- SkyWay USA
- Utel (d/b/a Bay Ring Communications)
- Wholesale Carrier Services
- World Discount Telecommunications (WDT)

For more details, please refer to the Q2 Supplemental Answers Document.

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

For details, please refer to the Q2 Supplemental Answers Document.

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

- Provider Validation
- Speed Test Tool
- Field Verification
- Online Survey
- Mail Survey

Telephone Survey  
 Service Locations / Failed Service Locations  
 FCC Form 477 Aggregate Data  
 FCC Consumer Broadband Test (CBT) Data  
 Third Party Commercial Data Sets  
 Broadband Availability Website  
 Static Map Gallery Website  
 E911 ALI Database Report  
 Cable Franchise Listing

For more details, please refer to the Q2 Supplemental Answers Document.

10g. Have you initiated verification activities?  Yes  No

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

The project team has initiated the following verification activities:

Provider Validation  
 Speed Test Tool  
 Field Verification  
 Online Survey  
 Mail Survey  
 Telephone Survey  
 Service Locations / Failed Service Locations  
 FCC Form 477 Aggregate Data  
 Third Party Data Commercial Sets  
 FCC Consumer Broadband Test (CBT) Data  
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10i. If verification activities have not been initiated please provide a projected time line for beginning and completing such activities

NA

### Staffing

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

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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

NA

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

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10n. Staffing Table

Job Title	FTE %	Date of Hire
Executive Geographic Information Consultant	2	09/09/2009
Senior Project Manager	8	09/09/2009
Project Manager	40	09/09/2009
Project Coordinator	12	09/09/2009

Geographic Information System Analyst 3	100	09/09/2009
Geographic Information System Analyst 2	98	09/09/2009
Geographic Information System Technician 3	100	09/09/2009
Geographic Information System Technician 2	30	09/09/2009
Geographic Information System Technician 1	24	09/09/2009

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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
James W. Sewall	Mapping	Y	Y	09/09/2009	09/20/2012	3,485,000	228,754
James W. Sewall	Planning	Y	Y	08/24/2010	12/31/2014	436,000	111,633
State Planning Office	Capacity Planning	N	Y	01/31/2011	12/31/2014	777,452	155,236
Maine Department of Education	Technical Assistance	N	Y	02/02/2011	12/31/2014	690,040	250,457
GEM School Software	Collaboration Website	N	Y	01/20/2011	03/30/2015	90,000	0

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**Funding**

10p. How much Federal funding has been expended as of the end of the last quarter? \$2,266,584      10q. How much Remains? \$2,706,908  
 10r. How much matching funds have been expended as of the end of last quarter? \$780,187      10s. How much Remains? \$585,788

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	\$67,670	\$275,134	\$342,804	\$0	\$62,417	\$62,417
Personnel Fringe Benefits	\$33,330	\$85,889	\$119,219	\$0	\$21,541	\$21,541
Travel	\$19,010	\$36,699	\$55,709	\$848	\$7,871	\$8,719
Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Materials / Supplies	\$32,500	\$0	\$32,500	\$5,160	\$0	\$5,160
<b>Subcontracts Total</b>	<b>\$5,478,492</b>	<b>\$746,080</b>	<b>\$6,224,572</b>	<b>\$962,796</b>	<b>\$27,800</b>	<b>\$990,596</b>
Subcontract #1	\$2,486,500	\$10,000	\$2,496,500	\$659,036	\$5,800	\$664,836
Subcontract #2	\$430,000	\$10,000	\$440,000	\$93,510	\$0	\$93,510
Subcontract #3	\$468,000	\$0	\$468,000	\$120,000	\$0	\$120,000
Subcontract #4	\$511,640	\$99,038	\$610,678	\$75,250	\$22,000	\$97,250
Subcontract #5	\$90,000	\$0	\$90,000	\$15,000	\$0	\$15,000
Construction	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other	\$685,380	\$826,885	\$1,512,265	\$230,638	\$286,288	\$516,926

Mapping Budget Element	Federal Funds Granted	Proposed In-Kind	Total Budget	Federal Funds Expended	Matching Funds Expended	Total Funds Expended
Total Direct Costs	\$4,824,030	\$1,343,645	\$6,167,675	\$1,199,442	\$405,917	\$1,605,359
Total Indirect Costs	\$149,462	\$22,230	\$171,692	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Costs	\$4,973,492	\$1,365,875	\$6,339,367	\$1,199,442	\$405,917	\$1,605,359
% Of Total	78	22	100	75	25	100

### Hardware / Software

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

10v. If yes, please list

Speed Test Tool – The underlying technology for the Speed Test web application belongs to Ookla Networks. Ookla Networks received a one time fee to customize the tool for the State of Maine speed test web site and receives a yearly license fee.

Associated Cost – Customization fee: \$1,000.00; license fee for subsequent years: \$495.00 per year.

Database and Server Software Licenses – In order to host the Service Provider Data Upload web application and store the provider data submitted, licenses for Windows Server and for SQL Server, Standard Edition were acquired. To develop the provider data upload application, Adobe Flex was acquired.

Associated Cost – Windows Server & SQLServer, Standard Edition: \$4,369.92; Adobe Flex: \$498.00.

Mobile Wireless Field Collection Units – Hardware and software were purchased for the mobile wireless field collection units. The hardware included laptops with mobile wireless USB connection modems/cards and the software included Microsoft Office applications and Microsoft Streets and Trips.

Associated Cost – Laptops and software: \$2,757.04; USB wireless air cards: \$1,856.25.

Geoportal & Static Map Gallery Website - The website was implemented based on James W. Sewall's GeoPortal platform.

Associated Cost – Implementation & customization fee: \$8,000.00; 2011 Hosting Fee/Support/Maintenance fee: \$3,000.00; 2012 Hosting Fee/Support/Maintenance fee: \$4,800.00; 2013 Hosting Fee/Support/Maintenance fee: \$4,800.00.

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

NA

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

10y. If yes, please list

The project team determined that a third party road centerline data set was need to fill in areas where Maine towns were not yet participating in the State's E911 program and were not covered by the State's E911 roads data set. The project team selected the NAVTEQ NAVSTREETS product and the Maine Office of GIS licensed the product.

The project team licensed CoverageRight by State product from Mosaik Solutions (formerly American Roamer) for Maine. The Mosaik Solutions CoverageRight product for Maine has a 2 year license agreement at a fee of \$12,671.25. The Mapping project has now paid the costs for the both years and will make a determination whether to extend or renew the license for this product.

The project team has purchased residential and business address lists from InfoUSA. At this point the Mapping project has acquired 10,000 addresses from InfoUSA at a cost of \$650.00.

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

10aa. If yes, please list

For details, please refer to the Q2 Supplemental Answers Document.

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

The Mapping project team has encountered challenges in the following areas:

Provider Data Formats

State E911 Street Coverage

Misalignment between Year 2010 Census Blocks & Maine E911 Streets

Fixed Wireless Propagation Modeling

Middle Mile Locations

Resellers

Data Confidence Intervals

Independent Verification of Wired and Fixed Wireless Coverages

Assimilating Verification Findings

CAI Broadband Service Information

For more details, please refer to the Q2 Supplemental Answers Document.

10cc. Please provide any other information that you think would be useful to NTIA as it assesses your Broadband Mapping Project. The project team has identified 612 free public WiFi locations throughout the state. These hotspots have been compiled into a GIS data layer that will be included in the State's interactive broadband availability map.

The Address File Development project which was part of the supplemental and amended grant award has begun. The Maine Office of GIS has started building a statewide digital parcel data set. The digital parcels will then be used to construct street address points.

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

The major activities for the Planning project are:

- Project Setup
• Data Gathering
• Data Analysis
• Needs Assessment
• Strategic Plan
• Program Implementation
• Measure Effectiveness
• Refine Strategic Plan

For more details, please refer to the Q2 Supplemental Answers Document.

11b. Please describe any challenge or obstacle that you have encountered and detail the mitigation strategies the project team is employing. The Planning project team has encountered challenges in the following areas:

- Reaching Rural Residents
Survey Returns
Subscriber Counts

For more details, please refer to the Q2 Supplemental Answers Document.

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

NA

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

Table with 7 columns: Category, and six numerical columns for funding amounts. Rows include Personal Salaries, Personnel Fringe Benefits, and Travel.

11i. Planning Worksheet						
Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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?

NA

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

NA

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

The ConnectME Authority held its second statewide broadband summit (Maine Broadband Summit 2.0) on 1-March-2012. The summit was held jointly with Maine Municipal Association's (MMA) yearly technology conference and the Maine GIS User Group (MEGUG) yearly conference. See the ConnectME Authority website (<http://www.maine.gov/connectme/summit/Summit2.0.htm>) for more information.

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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12b. Signature of Authorized Certifying Official

Submitted Electronically

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

08-17-2012