

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

## Performance Progress Report

**2. Award or Grant Number**

27-50-M09043

**4. Report Date (MM/DD/YYYY)**

10-02-2014

**1. Recipient Name**

Connected Nation, Inc. - MN

**6. Reporting Period End Date:**

09-30-2014

**3. Street Address**

360 East 8th Avenue, Suite 411,

**5. City, State, Zip Code**

Bowling Green, KY 42101-2115

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

12-20-2009

**7b. End Date: (MM/DD/YYYY)**

01-31-2015

**8. Designated Entity on Behalf of:**

State of Minnesota

**9. List the individual projects in your approved project plan**

	Project Type (Data Collection, Capacity Building, Technical Assistance, etc.)	Project Name (if different from Project Type)	Total Federal Funding Amount	Total Federal Funding Amount expended at the end of this reporting period	Percent of Total Federal Funding amount expended
1	Data Collection	N/A	2,824,736	2,585,047	92%
2	Capacity Building	N/A	536,954	494,014	92%
3	Technical Assistance	N/A	1,108,345	889,409	80%
4	N/A	N/A	0	0	
5	N/A	N/A	0	0	
6	N/A	N/A	0	0	
			\$4,470,035	\$3,968,470	89%

**10. Personnel**

**10a. If the project is not fully staffed, describe how any lack of staffing may impact the project's timeline and when the project will be fully staffed.**

Not applicable; this project is fully staffed.

10b. Staffing Table			
Job Title	FTE %	Project(s) Assigned	Change
Broadband Planning Manager 1	9	Technical Assistance	No Change
Broadband Planning Manager 2	4	Data Collection	No Change
Broadband Planning Manager 2	2	Technical Assistance	No Change
Business Programmer Analyst	3	Data Collection	No Change
CAI Manager	5	Data Collection	No Change
CAI Manager	1	Technical Assistance	No Change
CAI Specialist	17	Data Collection	No Change
Chief Policy Counsel	3	Data Collection	No Change
Chief Policy Counsel	2	Technical Assistance	No Change
Chief Strategy Officer	5	Capacity Building	No Change
Compliance Coordinator	10	Data Collection	No Change
Counsel, Broadband Research & Planning	4	Data Collection	No Change
ETS Analyst	4	Data Collection	No Change
ETS Manager	10	Data Collection	No Change
GIS Analyst 1	57	Data Collection	No Change
GIS Analyst 2	3	Data Collection	No Change
GIS Analyst 3	3	Data Collection	No Change
GIS Analyst 4	2	Data Collection	No Change
GIS Application Developer	9	Data Collection	No Change
GIS Services Manager	6	Data Collection	No Change
Grants Management Officer	12	Data Collection	No Change
Outreach & Awareness Intern	2	Data Collection	No Change
Outreach & Awareness Manager	5	Data Collection	No Change
Outreach & Awareness Specialist 1	35	Data Collection	No Change

Outreach & Awareness Specialist 2	12	Data Collection	No Change
Outreach & Awareness Specialist 3	8	Data Collection	No Change
Outreach & Awareness Specialist 4	7	Data Collection	No Change
President & COO	11	Technical Assistance	No Change
Program Manager	88	Capacity Building	No Change
Program Manager	12	Technical Assistance	No Change
Project Coordinator 1	4	Data Collection	No Change
Project Coordinator 2	2	Data Collection	No Change
Project Coordinator 3	2	Technical Assistance	No Change
Project Coordinator 3	1	Data Collection	No Change
Project Management Director	8	Data Collection	No Change
Project Manager	25	Technical Assistance	No Change
Project Manager	21	Data Collection	No Change
Research & GIS Analyst	17	Technical Assistance	No Change
Research Analyst	10	Technical Assistance	No Change
Research Manager	9	Technical Assistance	No Change

**11. Subcontracts**

11a. Subcontracts Table - Include all subcontractors. The totals from this table equal the "Subcontracts Total" from the Program Budget Worksheet (Q. 12, Column 2, 3, and 4)

Name	Subcontract Purpose	RFP Issued (Y/N)	Contract Executed (Y/N)	Start Date	End Date	Total Federal Funds Allocated	Total Matching Funds Allocated	Project and % Assigned (Example: Data Collection 75)	
ETS Consultants	Data Collection	No	Yes	12/20/2009	01/31/2015	258,030	207,296	Data Collection	100
Legal Consultants	Data Collection	No	Yes	12/20/2009	01/31/2015	90,352	48,592	Data Collection	100
Thoroughbred Research Group	Data Collection	Yes	Yes	02/09/2010	12/31/2014	89,343	0	Data Collection	23

Thoroughbred Research Group	Technical Assistance	Yes	Yes	02/09/2010	12/31/2014	292,457	0	Technical Assistance	77
Various	Data Collection	No	Yes	12/20/2009	01/31/2015	88,008	4,956	Data Collection	100
Various	Capacity Building	No	Yes	12/20/2009	01/31/2015	3,578	3,082	Capacity Building	100
Various	Technical Assistance	No	Yes	12/20/2009	01/31/2015	27,812	0	Technical Assistance	100

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**11b. Describe any challenges encountered with vendors or subrecipients.**

Nothing to report.

<b>12. Budget worksheet</b>						
Columns 2, 3, and 4 will match your current project budget for your entire award, which is the SF-424A on file. Only list matching funds that the Department of Commerce has already approved.						
<b>Project Budget Element</b>	<b>Federal Funds Awarded</b>	<b>Approved Matching Funds</b>	<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>Federal Funds Expended</b>	<b>Approved Matching Funds Expended</b>	<b>Total Funds Expended</b>
<b>Personnel Salaries</b>	\$1,668,762	\$998	\$1,669,760	\$1,483,587	\$998	\$1,484,585
<b>Personnel Fringe Benefits</b>	\$300,943	\$214	\$301,157	\$225,506	\$214	\$225,720
<b>Travel</b>	\$151,912	\$94	\$152,006	\$146,249	\$94	\$146,343
<b>Equipment</b>	\$11,852	\$0	\$11,852	\$11,852	\$0	\$11,852
<b>Materials / Supplies</b>	\$67,735	\$0	\$67,735	\$59,349	\$0	\$59,349
<b>Subcontracts Total</b>	\$849,580	\$263,926	\$1,113,506	\$806,244	\$263,926	\$1,070,170
<b>Construction</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Other</b>	\$180,878	\$851,944	\$1,032,822	\$146,930	\$851,944	\$998,874
<b>Total Direct Costs</b>	\$3,231,662	\$1,117,176	\$4,348,838	\$2,879,717	\$1,117,176	\$3,996,893
<b>Total Indirect Costs</b>	\$1,238,373	\$1,372	\$1,239,745	\$1,088,753	\$1,372	\$1,090,125
<b>Total Costs</b>	\$4,470,035	\$1,118,548	\$5,588,583	\$3,968,470	\$1,118,548	\$5,087,018
<b>% of Total</b>	80	20	100	78	22	100
<b>13. Hardware / Software</b>						
<p>13a. List any hardware/software purchased during this reporting period.            New purchases this quarter include the following:            - Computers &amp; Software - \$235</p> <p>Hardware/Software purchases for the project to date include the following:            - Interactive Mapping Application - \$66,693            - GIS Software &amp; Maintenance - \$14,562            - Computers &amp; Software - \$26,066            - Speed Test Software - \$4,301            - Google Earth Pro - \$585            - Spectrum Analyzer - \$4,477            - Multiple dedicated storage servers and backup replication solution - \$11,852</p>						
<p>13b. Please note any hardware/software that has yet to be purchased and explain why it has not been purchased.</p> <p>Remaining purchases may include SQL server for mapping geodatabase, SQL server software, multiple dedicated storage server, security application, additional backup replication solution, computers, a spectrum analyzer, GPS units, interactive map upgrades/maintenance, ArcInfo/ArcGIS maintenance, and speed test updates as well as computers and software maintenance. These items will only be purchased if necessary for the successful completion of the project.</p>						

**14. SBI PPR Project Attachment (Skip question 14b if Data Collection is your only project).**

14a. Complete a SBI PPR Project Data Collection Attachment and attach it to the PPR.

14b. Complete a SBI PPR Attachment for each additional funded project and attach it to the PPR.

**15. 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.**

15a. Typed or Printed Name and Title of Authorized Certifying Official

Bernie Bogle

Grants Management Officer

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(area code, number, and extension)

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15d. Email Address

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15b. Signature of Authorized Certifying Official

Submitted Electronically

15e. Date Report Submitted  
(MM/DD/YYYY)

10-29-2014