

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                     |                                |  |     |
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| 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.

| 12. Budget worksheet   |                       |                         |              |                        |                                  |                      |
|--|-----------------------|-------------------------|--------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 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. |                       |                         |              |                        |                                  |                      |
| Project Budget Element   | Federal Funds Awarded | Approved Matching Funds | Total Budget | Federal Funds Expended | Approved Matching Funds Expended | Total Funds Expended |
| Personnel Salaries   | \$1,668,762           | \$998                   | \$1,669,760  | \$1,483,587            | \$998                            | \$1,484,585          |
| Personnel Fringe Benefits  | \$300,943             | \$214                   | \$301,157    | \$225,506              | \$214                            | \$225,720            |
| Travel   | \$151,912             | \$94                    | \$152,006    | \$146,249              | \$94                             | \$146,343            |
| Equipment  | \$11,852              | \$0                     | \$11,852     | \$11,852               | \$0                              | \$11,852             |
| Materials / Supplies   | \$67,735              | \$0                     | \$67,735     | \$59,349               | \$0                              | \$59,349             |
| Subcontracts Total   | \$849,580             | \$263,926               | \$1,113,506  | \$806,244              | \$263,926                        | \$1,070,170          |
| Construction   | \$0                   | \$0                     | \$0          | \$0                    | \$0                              | \$0                  |
| Other  | \$180,878             | \$851,944               | \$1,032,822  | \$146,930              | \$851,944                        | \$998,874            |
| Total Direct Costs   | \$3,231,662           | \$1,117,176             | \$4,348,838  | \$2,879,717            | \$1,117,176                      | \$3,996,893          |
| Total Indirect Costs   | \$1,238,373           | \$1,372                 | \$1,239,745  | \$1,088,753            | \$1,372                          | \$1,090,125          |
| Total Costs  | \$4,470,035           | \$1,118,548             | \$5,588,583  | \$3,968,470            | \$1,118,548                      | \$5,087,018          |
| % of Total   | 80                    | 20                      | 100          | 78                     | 22                               | 100                  |

  

| 13. Hardware / Software  |
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| <p>13a. List any hardware/software purchased during this reporting period.<br/>           New purchases this quarter include the following:<br/>           - Computers &amp; Software - \$235</p> <p>Hardware/Software purchases for the project to date include the following:<br/>           - Interactive Mapping Application - \$66,693<br/>           - GIS Software &amp; Maintenance - \$14,562<br/>           - Computers &amp; Software - \$26,066<br/>           - Speed Test Software - \$4,301<br/>           - Google Earth Pro - \$585<br/>           - Spectrum Analyzer - \$4,477<br/>           - 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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15b. Signature of Authorized Certifying Official

Submitted Electronically

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

10-29-2014