



## FIRST PERFORMANCE PROGRESS REPORT First Quarter 2010

<p>1. Recipient Organization (<i>Name and complete address including zip code</i>)          Louisiana Board of Regents          1201 N 3<sup>RD</sup> ST STE 6-200, Baton Rouge, LA 70802-5243 USA</p>	<p>2. Award Identification Number          NT10BIX5570046</p>
<p>3. Performance Narrative (Q1)  <i>Please describe your project activities and progress for the first quarter of 2010. 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></p> <p>In the first quarter of the Louisiana Broadband Alliance's (LBA) efforts we have begun the initial work related to our purpose of providing broadband services to 21 rural Louisiana parishes including the Louisiana Delta Region &amp; our three Federally Recognized Native American Indian Tribes. In this quarter we received notification of our grant award and filed the necessary paperwork to initiate the grant and completed the acceptance paperwork. The LBA has also begun the process of reviewing potential state contracts and services which will provide the LBA with the resources to meet the initial steps as outlined in our grant timeline. In addition to these meetings LBA has also begun working on the environmental impact study; communicating and providing information to local and state officials, the community, anchor institutions, private telecommunication providers, state agencies, and other interested parties regarding the grant, its purpose and goals, the opportunities the grant will provide and timelines for services. The LBA additionally has started initial negotiation with five last mile providers to expand services to the community within its target area. No federal expenditures were sent because we didn't include in pre-award expenses in our infrastructure budget nor did we have time to spend any dollars given we only accepted the grant 3/3/02010.</p>	
<p>4. Performance Projections (Q2)  <i>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)</i></p> <p>In the second quarter of the Louisiana Broadband Alliance's (LBA) efforts we will have selected our Environmental Assessment firm who should be 50% complete. In this quarter, we will have applied for and received approval on all of the road right-of-way permits. We will have applied for all of the railroad right-of-way permits in this quarter. We will have selected our design engineering firm who should be 30% complete. Our project management firm will have been selected who should be operating at 30% capacity. We anticipate to be nearly 50% complete in confirming all our interconnect points. LBA will still be engaging the last mile providers to coordinate expansion of services to the community within its proposed service area. We anticipate spending \$250,000 in federal expenditures next quarter.</p>	
<p><b>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.</b></p>	
<p>5a. Typed or Printed Name and Title of Authorized Certifying Official           Lonnie Leger</p>	<p>5c. Telephone (<i>area code, number and extension</i>)          225-578-8391</p>
<p>5b. Signature of Authorized Certifying Official   </p>	<p>5d. Email Address          lonnie@lsu.edu</p>
<p>5e. Date Report Submitted (<i>Month, Day, Year</i>)          April 23, 2010</p>	

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