



FIRST PERFORMANCE PROGRESS REPORT 2010

<p>1. Recipient Organization (<i>Name and complete address including zip code</i>) Education and Early Development, Alaska Department of 801 W 10th St. Ste. 200 Juneau, AK 998011878</p>	<p>2. Award Identification Number 02-42-B10560</p>
<p>3. Performance Narrative (Q1) <i>The Department and Alaska State Library received notification of the grant on Sept. 13th, and was signed by the Department on Sept. 28th, 2010. We notified our financial partners (Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the Rasmuson Foundation). We also announced the award to participating libraries, other project partners, and the media.</i></p> <p>The Department of Education & Early Development and the Alaska State Library received notification of the grant award on September 13, 2010. We notified our financial partners (The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the Rasmuson Foundation. We also announced the award to participating libraries, other project partners, and the media.</p>	
<p>4. Performance Projections (Q2)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. <i>Legislative approval of award possibly delayed until mid December, key milestones and activities will be adjusted accordingly</i>2. <i>Enter project job descriptions in Alaska Workplace system and hire staff</i>3. <i>Begin RFP process for broadband purchase</i>4. <i>Meet with PCC libraries for overview of project timeline, milestones, etc.</i> <p>Our project has been stalled by a delay in state legislative authorization to accept our federal funds and our matches. When we submitted our first report, we were anticipating approval on October 29, 2010. Instead the vote on our project has been postponed until December 14, 2010. We expect passage at the December meeting, but in the meantime have been able to spend no federal money and accomplish no major milestones. We have documented the consequences of delay to our legislative committee.</p> <p>Nevertheless, we will not be idle in the second (10/1-12/31/2010) quarter. Using some of our match of staff time, we will complete job descriptions, make budget revisions to reflect the delay and submit them for approval, attend Department of Commerce training, review proper procurement procedures and codes of conduct, prepare the major RFP of our project for bandwidth, meet with most of the other Alaska BTOP/BIP grantees, map out collaboration with the Alaska SBA project, strategically re-arrange our timeline and work with one of our operational collaborators to streamline the establishment of our video conference hub. We will work with our grant officers to prepare for the compressed deployment of our project. We plan to prepare our major equipment order so it is ready to submit as soon possible after the legislature's acceptance of our funds. We are also working to meet all of our quarterly compliance deadlines, and one State Library staff member will concentrate on satisfying our required research for our environmental compliance report by the February deadline.</p> <p>The major accomplishment of the next quarter will move us forward in outreach and training milestones. One of our match funders, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, is sponsoring a project kick-off that will focus on outreach activities on the first day and training for collaborating public libraries on the second. Both of our private funders have offered expertise in planning the launch.</p> <p>The combination of a late award and the delay in legislative authorization are a significant challenge, but we will use the time lag to create a new implementation plan and budget revisions to accomplish our project goals. The greatest issue will be maintaining our proportional match as we re-work our budget and projected expenditures. Technical assistance from the BTOP officers in restructuring our budget while following Department of Commerce guidelines will be welcomed.</p>	

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.

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5b. Signature of Authorized Certifying Official Glenn Cook	5e. Date Report Submitted (<i>Month, Day, Year</i>) 10/30/2010 rev 11/26/2010

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