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# FIRST PERFORMANCE PROGRESS REPORT 2010



	Recipient Organization (Name and complete address including zip code)	2. Award Identification Number
- 1	Foundation for California Community Colleges 1102 Q Street, Suite 3500 Sacramento CA 95811	Award #06-43-B10541-FCCC

## 3. Performance Narrative (Q1)

Please describe your project activities and progress for the first quarter of your award period. 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., equipment purchases, outreach activities, training programs) to help structure your answer. (500 words or less)

#### Overall Project

Since the award announcement on 8/19/10, the Foundation for California Community Colleges completed the following startup activities related to the California Connects award: registered with FederalReporting.gov (8/21/10), established the grant file, created the grant accounting structure in our financial systems, hired the California Connects Director, and secured program approval (on 9/28/10) from the Foundation's Board of Directors. The Foundation spent significant time evaluating and modifying existing accounting mechanisms, contract guidelines, and procurement policies to comply with ARRA and BTOP reporting requirements.

The Foundation conducted planning discussions with prospective partner organizations and sub-recipients. The California Connects Director and Chancellor's Office Mathematics, Engineering, Science, Achievement (MESA) Fund for Student Success Coordinator discussed the California Connects award at an annual MESA program directors' meeting.

## **Equipment Purchases**

The California Connects Director held plenary meetings with Foundation finance, information technology, contracts, and purchasing staff to discuss procedures and best practices to streamline planned/future California Connects equipment purchases. No equipment purchases were made this quarter.

#### Awareness Campaigns

No awareness campaigns were conducted during this quarter.

#### **Outreach Activities**

The Foundation and program partners announced receipt of the BTOP award to its constituencies (via press release, newsletter, email, facebook, and website postings). The California Connects Director served on the "Minority Serving Institutions (MSI) Closing the Digital Divide in Their Communities: BTOP" panel at the Minority Serving Institutions Technical Assistance and Capacity Building Conference (9/21/10). The Foundation identified existing and prospective partner organizations to engage in future California Connects planning and implementation.

#### Training Programs

The Foundation conducted an initial inventory of existing training curriculum and resources among partners to avoid duplication and identify areas of additional training expertise needed.

## Federal Expenditures

\$14,021.97 in federal expenditures have been made during the first quarter of 2010; largely attributed to California Connects personnel and travel.

#### 4. Performance Projections (Q2)

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

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any potential delays or challenges you foresee. Please use the milestone categories provided in your baseline report (e.g., equipment purchases, outreach activities, training programs) to help structure your answer. (500 words or less)

# Overall Project

The Foundation will complete contracts with program sub-recipients and Memorandum of Understanding agreements with program partners. The Foundation will recruit, interview, and hire program support staff. Development of digital literacy tools to be used for training community members will begin. The Foundation will initiate plenary discussions and implementation planning for the program's evaluation and research components. The Foundation will conduct team conference calls and site visits with and among partners to solidify a collective California Connects identity and protocols for planning, implementation, and continuous feedback.

**Equipment Purchases** 

The Foundation will purchase server(s), bandwidth, and loading/balancing software to host the program website and digital literacy tools. The Foundation will purchase two computers and one desk printer for use by the program Director and support staff. The Foundation will also make its first (of three) and largest laptop purchase for MESA students (~3,000 laptops).

Awareness Campaigns

The Foundation will host a strategic branding and messaging strategy session with partners and key stakeholders to secure stakeholder input and identify synergies among partners. A California Connects awareness campaign strategic plan will be developed (including complimentary fact sheets and materials for California Connects trainees/end-users). A California Connects program logo and usage guidelines will be developed and shared among all partners. Development of the California Connects website (including domain registration) and social networking tools will be initiated (and continue into next quarter).

#### Outreach Activities

California Connects team members will present at: the League for Innovation in the Community College STEM Tech Conference (11/2/10), and the Office of the Chief Information Officer's Convening of All Broadband ARRA SBA and PCC Awardees that Impact California (11/2/10), among others as opportunities are identified. Foundation staff will attend the BTOP recipient workshop (11/9-10/10) to meet with BTOP officials and network among recipients. California Connects will engage Central Valley community partners in strategic planning for California Connects to identify opportunities for collaboration.

Training Programs

The California Connects "Train-the-Trainer" digital literacy program will be developed and launched. Training curriculum including a draft manual will be developed along with an intranet for trainers to access program resources and communicate among one another. California Connects will host two "Lead Trainer" workshops (12/1/10 and 12/3/10) with additional training workshops to be scheduled in 2011.

## Projected Federal Expenditures for Quarter

\$2,541,744 in federal expenditures are projected for the second quarter of 2010 for personnel, travel, equipment purchases, program website and digital literacy tool development, and Lead Trainer training.

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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