

RECIPIENT NAME:Nebraskalink, LLC

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QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE PROGRESS REPORT FOR BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

General Information

1. Federal Agency and Organizational Element to Which Report is Submitted Department of Commerce, National Telecommunications and Information Administration	2. Award Identification Number NT10BIX5570112	3. DUNS Number 961773509
4. Recipient Organization Nebraskalink, LLC 233 S 13TH ST STE 1900, Lincoln, NE 68508-2000		
5. Current Reporting Period End Date (MM/DD/YYYY) 03-31-2012	6. Is this the last Report of the Award Period? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
7. 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.		
7a. Typed or Printed Name and Title of Certifying Official Sheryl Vogle	7c. Telephone (area code, number and extension) X	
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7b. Signature of Certifying Official Submitted Electronically	7e. Date Report Submitted (MM/DD/YYYY): 05-02-2012	

Project Indicators (This Quarter)

1. Please describe significant project accomplishments completed during this quarter (600 words or less).
 NebraskaLink has continued to build out our grant project through the 1st quarter of 2012. NebraskaLink has completed 4 projects during the first quarter of 2012. Those include the middle mile builds from Trenton to Wauneta (32 miles) and Wauneta to Imperial (19) miles. NebraskaLink also completed 2 city lateral builds - Valentine which was a 4.8 mile build and O'Neill which was a 5.2 mile build.

2. Please provide the percent complete for the following key milestones in your project. Write "0" in the Percent Complete column and "N/A" in the Narrative column if your project does not include this activity. If you provided additional milestones in your baseline plan, please insert them at the bottom of the table. Unless otherwise indicated in the instructions, figures should be reported cumulatively from award inception to the end of the most recent reporting quarter. Please provide a narrative description if the percent complete is different from the target provided in your baseline plan (300 words or less).

	Milestone	Percent Complete	Narrative (describe reasons for any variance from baseline plan or subsequent written updates provided to your program officer)
2a.	Overall Project	50	NebraskaLink is behind our projected target on this milestone due to our slow construction start in spring /summer due to flooding in our project area and the initial delay in obtaining fiber. We are continuing to work towards aligning this with our baseline projections.
2b.	Environmental Assessment	100	NebraskaLink received their FONSI.
2c.	Network Design	80	NebrasakLink is on target with our baseline for this quarter.
2d.	Rights of Way	85	NebraskaLink is continuing to work with our Engineering Consultant and all applicable parties on this milestone.
2e.	Construction Permits and Other Approvals	90	NebraskaLink continues to work closely with our Contractor and Engineering Consultant to identify and obtain all necessary permits for our project.
2f.	Site Preparation	50	NebraskaLink is currently on target with our baseline for this quarter.
2g.	Equipment Procurement	75	NebraskaLink is on target with our baseline for this quarter.
2h.	Network Build (all components - owned, leased, IRU, etc)	70	NebraskaLink is slightly behind on this milestone due to the winter season for burying fiber.
2i.	Equipment Deployment	73	NebraskaLink is on target with our baseline for this quarter.
2j.	Network Testing	63	NebraskaLink is slightly behind on this milestone due to the winter season.
2k.	Other (please specify):	0	N/A

3. To the extent not covered above, please describe any challenges or issues faced during this past quarter in achieving planned progress against the project milestones listed above. In particular, please identify any areas or issues where technical assistance from the BTOP program may be useful (600 words or less).

Our late construction start due to spring/summer flooding in our project area delayed the start of our initial construction. This quarter our only delay was the inability to bore fiber during the winter season.

4. Please report the following information regarding network build progress. Write "0" in the Total column and "N/A" in the Narrative column if your project does not include this activity. Unless otherwise indicated in the instructions, figures should be reported cumulatively from award inception to the end of the most recent reporting quarter. Please provide a narrative description if the total is different from the target provided in your baseline plan (600 words or less).

Indicator	Total	Narrative (describe your reasons for any variance from the baseline plan or any other relevant information)
New network miles deployed	264	NebraskaLink is close to project plan on this milestone. The winter season slightly delayed our ability to lay fiber.
New network miles leased	1,415	NebraskaLink is on target with our baseline for this milestone.
Existing network miles upgraded	0	N/A
Existing network miles leased	0	N/A

Indicator	Total	Narrative (describe your reasons for any variance from the baseline plan or any other relevant information)
Number of miles of new fiber (aerial or underground)	1,679	NebraskaLink is ahead of target with this project milestone.
Number of new wireless links	0	N/A
Number of new towers	0	N/A
Number of new and/or upgraded interconnection points	37	NebraskaLink is ahead of target with this project milestone.

For questions 5 and 6 please include information relating to agreements that you are negotiating or have entered into, or that your sub recipient, contractor or subcontractor is negotiating or entered into.

5a. If applicable, please provide the following information with regard to agreements with broadband wholesalers and/or last mile providers as a result of your project.

Indicators	
Number of signed agreements with broadband wholesalers or last mile providers	21
Number of agreements currently being negotiated with broadband wholesalers or last mile providers	4
Average term of signed agreements (in quarters)	8

5b. Please list the names of the wholesale and last mile providers with whom you have signed agreements (100 words or less). Providers:

Four U Technology
 Consolidated Telecom
 Nebraska Central Telephone Company
 Hamilton Telecommunications
 Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company
 Great Plains Communications
 American Broadband
 Windstream
 Frontier
 Clarks Telephone Company
 Three Rivers Telephone Company
 K&M Telephone Company
 Hershey Telephone
 AT&T
 SDN Communicaitons
 Level 3
 Benkelman Telephone
 Arapahoe Telephone
 Cox Business
 Allo
 Pinpoint

5c. What wholesale services are being provided by this project? Please describe below. As an attachment to this report, please provide pricing plans (in \$ per month) associated with each wholesale service provided by your product (100 words or less). Wholesale services description:

Currently NebraskaLink offers the following wholesale services: Direct Internet Access (DIA), Ethernet Transport and Private Line/TDM Services. These are priced on an individual basis, based on interconnection ability, local loop availability and distance for the circuit.

5d. If you have designated a third party to operate all or a portion of your network, please provide the name and contact information for this third party, indicate if this entity is a sub recipient, contractor, and/or subcontractor, and describe with specificity the portion of your network this this third party operates (600 words or less).

N/A

6. Please provide the data according to the type of subscriber. Write "0" in the Total column and "N/A" in the Narrative column if your project does not pass or serve a particular subscriber type. Unless otherwise indicated in the instructions, figures should be reported cumulatively from award inception to the end of the most recent reporting quarter. Please provide a narrative description if the total is different from the target provided in your baseline plan (300 words or less).

Subscriber Type	Access Type	Total	Narrative (describe your reasons for any variance from the baseline plan or any other relevant information)
Broadband Wholesalers or Last Mile Providers	Providers with signed agreements receiving new access	21	NebraskaLink is ahead of projection from our baseline pan on our signed agreements with Broadband Wholesales and last mile providers.
	Providers with signed agreements receiving improved access	0	N/A
	Providers with signed agreements receiving access to dark fiber	0	N/A
	Please identify the speed tiers that are available and the number of subscribers for each	10	10 Mbps: 5 20 Mbps: 2 50 Mbps: 1 100 Mbps: 4 150 Mbps: 1 200 Mbps: 1 250 Mbps: 500 Mbps: 2 1000 Mbps: 10 Gbps: 3 DS3: 2
Community Anchor Institutions (including Government institutions)	Total subscribers served	37	NebraskaLink is currently providing service to 3 CAI's listed in their application, plus have passed an additional 34 CAI's listed in our application. NebraskaLink is currently behind the project baseline on this milestone. Many CAI's listed in our application are currently under contract with existing carriers - some (34) have allowed us to build laterals to their sites for potential future business.
	Subscribers receiving new access	37	NebraskaLink is currently behind the project baseline on this milestone.
	Subscribers receiving improved access	0	N/A
	Please identify the speed tiers that are available and the number or subscribers for each	13	5 Mbps: 10 Mbps: 20 Mbps: 1 30 Mbps: 50 Mbps: 60 Mbps: 1 100 Mbps: 1 150 Mbps: 200 Mbps: 250 Mbps: 500 Mbps: 1000 Mbps: 10 Gbps: NebraskaLink does not currently supply service to all CAI's - some have laterals built to their sites.
Residential / Households	Entities passed	0	N/A
	Total subscribers served	0	N/A
	Subscribers receiving new access	0	N/A
	Subscribers receiving improved access	0	N/A
	Please identify the speed tiers that are available and the number of subscribers for each	0	N/A
Businesses	Entities passed	0	N/A
	Total subscribers served	0	N/A

Subscriber Type	Access Type	Total	Narrative (describe your reasons for any variance from the baseline plan or any other relevant information)
	Subscribers receiving new access	0	N/A
	Subscribers receiving improved access	0	N/A
	Please identify the speed tiers that are available and the number of subscribers for each	0	N/A

7. Please describe any special offerings you may provide (600 words or less).
N/A

8a. Have your network management practices changed over the last quarter? Yes No

8b. If so, please describe the changes (300 words or less).
N/A

9. Community Anchor Institutions:
Using the table below, please provide a list by service area of the community anchor institutions (including Government institutions) connected to your network as a result of BTOP funds. Figures should be reported for the most recent reporting quarter only (NOT cumulatively). Also indicate whether your organization is currently providing broadband service to the anchor institution. Finally, provide a short narrative description with examples of how institutions are using BTOP-funded infrastructure (300 words or less).

Institution Name	Service Area (town or county)	Type of Anchor Institution (as defined in your baseline)	Are you also the broadband service provider for this institution? (Yes / No)	Narrative description of how anchor institutions are using BTOP-funded infrastructure
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Project Indicators (Next Quarter)

1. Please describe significant project accomplishments planned for completion during the next quarter (600 words or less).

In early Q2, 2012, NebraskaLink will complete the fiber build-out in Kearney which is a 7.7 mile build that will connect potentially 13 CAI's. We will also begin construction on our 240 mile middle-mile route from Sutherland to Sidney to Chadron. This project will be ongoing through Q2 and Q3. In addition to these fiber builds, NebraskaLink will also be extending our network through leasing fiber and adding network nodes. NebraskaLink plans to deploy an estimated 75 additional miles during 2nd quarter, connect an additional 4 CAI's and execute agreements with 3 additional broadband wholesaler/last mile providers.

2. Please provide the percent complete for the following key milestones in your project. Write "0" in the Planned Percent Complete column and "N/A" in the Narrative column if your project does not include this activity. If you provided additional milestones in your baseline plan, please insert them at the bottom of the table. Unless otherwise indicated in the instructions, figures should be reported cumulatively from award inception to the end of the next reporting quarter. Please provide a narrative description if the percent complete is different from the target provided in your baseline plan (300 words or less).

	Milestone	Planned Percent Complete	Narrative (describe reasons for any variance from baseline plan or any other relevant information)
2a.	Overall Project	60	NebraskaLink expects to be slightly behind on our overall project due to orders / invoices that we expect will be submitted during mid summer for projects and materials.
2b.	Environmental Assessment	100	Completed
2c.	Network Design	85	NebraskaLink expects to be on target with our baseline plan.
2d.	Rights of Way	90	NebraskaLink expects to be close to target with our baseline plan. We have some areas that will only allow us to obtain our permits inside a 60 day window for construction.
2e.	Construction Permits and Other Approvals	95	NebraskaLink expects to be close to target with our baseline report for this milestone. We have some areas that will only allow us to obtain our permits inside a 60 day window for construction.

	Milestone	Planned Percent Complete	Narrative (describe reasons for any variance from baseline plan or any other relevant information)
2f.	Site Preparation	76	NebraskaLink expects to be on target with our baseline plan.
2g.	Equipment Procurement	80	NebraskaLink expects to be on target with our baseline plan.
2h.	Network Build (all components - owned, leased, IRU, etc.)	75	NebraskaLink expects to catch this milestone up in the upcoming quarter which will coincide with a better construction season.
2i.	Equipment Deployment	80	NebraskaLink expects to be on target with our baseline plan for this milestone.
2j.	Network Testing	70	NebraskaLink expects to be close to target with our baseline plan for this milestone for the upcoming quarter.
2k.	Other (please specify):	0	N/A

3. Please describe any challenges or issues anticipated during the next quarter that may impact planned progress against the project milestones listed above. In particular, please identify any areas or issues where technical assistance from the BTOP program may be useful (600 words or less).

The only possible challenges facing NebraskaLink for the upcoming quarter (spring / start of summer season), would be weather related and if we experience any delays in receipt of our fiber and conduit deliveries.

Infrastructure Budget Execution Details

Activity Based Expenditures (Infrastructure)

1. Please provide details below on your total budget, cumulative actual expenditures (for the period ending the current quarter), and cumulative anticipated expenditures (for the period ending next quarter) for each line item, including detailed disbursements of both matching funds and federal funds from project inception through end of this quarter (actual) or next quarter (anticipated). Actual and anticipated figures should be reported cumulatively from award inception to the end of the applicable reporting quarter.

Budget for Entire Project				Actuals from Project Inception through End of Current Reporting Period			Anticipated Actuals from Project Inception through End of Next Reporting Period		
Cost Classification	Total Cost (plan)	Matching Funds (plan)	Federal Funds (plan)	Total Cost	Matching Funds	Federal Funds	Total Costs	Matching Funds	Federal Funds
a. Administrative and legal expenses	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
b. Land, structures, right-of-ways, appraisals, etc.	\$604,700	\$181,410	\$423,290	\$46,722	\$12,010	\$34,712	\$86,722	\$24,010	\$62,712
c. Relocation expenses and payments	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
d. Architectural and engineering fees	\$1,366,720	\$410,016	\$956,704	\$1,052,333	\$338,945	\$713,388	\$1,227,333	\$391,445	\$835,888
e. Other architectural and engineering fees	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
f. Project inspection fees	\$125,718	\$37,715	\$88,003	\$3,027	\$908	\$2,119	\$18,027	\$5,408	\$12,619
g. Site work	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
h. Demolition and removal	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
i. Construction	\$9,349,257	\$2,804,777	\$6,544,480	\$3,421,283	\$689,818	\$2,731,465	\$4,421,283	\$989,818	\$3,431,465
j. Equipment	\$3,706,362	\$1,111,909	\$2,594,453	\$2,750,048	\$1,266,578	\$1,483,470	\$2,900,047	\$1,311,578	\$1,588,469
k. Miscellaneous	\$1,344,195	\$403,259	\$940,936	\$914,906	\$152,652	\$762,254	\$1,094,906	\$206,652	\$888,254
l. SUBTOTAL (add a through k)	\$16,496,952	\$4,949,086	\$11,547,866	\$8,188,319	\$2,460,911	\$5,727,408	\$9,748,318	\$2,928,911	\$6,819,407
m. Contingencies	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
n. TOTALS (sum of l and m)	\$16,496,952	\$4,949,086	\$11,547,866	\$8,188,319	\$2,460,911	\$5,727,408	\$9,748,318	\$2,928,911	\$6,819,407

2. Program Income: Please provide the program income you listed in your application budget and actuals to date through the end of the reporting period.

a. Application Budget Program Income: \$0	b. Program Income to Date: \$0
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