

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) 06-30-2012	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): 08-23-2012	

Project Indicators (This Quarter)

1. Please describe significant project accomplishments completed during this quarter (600 words or less).
 In Q2, 2012, NebraskaLink completed the fiber build-out in Kearney which was a 7.7 mile build that connect s10 CAI's. We have also begun the construction on our 240 mile middle-mile network from Sutherland to Sidney to Chadron. This project will be ongoing through Q3 and Q4. At the end of Q2, NebraskaLink had 60% of the construction complete and 30% of the splicing complete on the 240 mile network expansion. As part of this construction we also added new interconnects to service providers along the construction path. With our focus being on the middle-mile during Q2, we did not add any new CAI's to our completed list. We did however turn up service to 7 more of our existing CAI's.

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	66	NebraskaLink is behind our projected target on this milestone due to our slow construction start in the spring/summer in 2011 due to flooding in our project area and the initial delay in obtaining fiber. We are rapidly approaching the projected milestone with the great stride we have made due to the weather and availability of materials.
2b.	Environmental Assessment	100	NebraskaLink received their FONSI.
2c.	Network Design	85	NebraskaLink is on target with this milestone.
2d.	Rights of Way	90	NebraskaLink is on target with this milestone.
2e.	Construction Permits and Other Approvals	95	NebraskaLink continues to work closely with our Contractor and Engineering Consultant to identify and obtain all necessary permits for our project.
2f.	Site Preparation	76	NebraskaLink is currently on target with our baseline for this milestone.
2g.	Equipment Procurement	80	NebraskaLink is on target with our baseline for this milestone.
2h.	Network Build (all components - owned, leased, IRU, etc)	83	NebraskaLink is on target with our baseline for this milestone.
2i.	Equipment Deployment	80	NebraskaLink is on target with our baseline for this milestone.
2j.	Network Testing	71	NebraskaLink is close to target on this milestone.
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).

NebraskaLink has a very productive quarter due to the mild winter/ spring in our area. We were allowed to work non stop with our construction crews to catch up on our project in many aspects.

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	380	NebraskaLink is ahead of our project plan on this milestone due to the favorable winter/ spring conditions for construction.

Indicator	Total	Narrative (describe your reasons for any variance from the baseline plan or any other relevant information)
New network miles leased	1,415	NebraskaLink is on target with this milestone.
Existing network miles upgraded	0	N/A
Existing network miles leased	0	N/A
Number of miles of new fiber (aerial or underground)	380	NebraskaLink is ahead of our project plan on this milestone.
Number of new wireless links	0	N/A
Number of new towers	0	N/A
Number of new and/or upgraded interconnection points	50	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	22
Number of agreements currently being negotiated with broadband wholesalers or last mile providers	3
Average term of signed agreements (in quarters)	12

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 Communications
 Level 3
 Benkelman Telephone
 Arapahoe Telephone
 Cox Business
 Allo
 Pinpoint
 Glenwood Telecommunications

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:

NebraskaLink currently 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	22	NebraskaLink is ahead of our target baseline plan for signed agreements with Broadband Wholesalers 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: 2 100 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 10 CAI's listed in their application, plus have built laterals to an additional 27 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 have allowed us to build laterals to their sites for potential future business.
	Subscribers receiving new access	37	Laterals built to sites.
	Subscribers receiving improved access	0	N/A
	Please identify the speed tiers that are available and the number or subscribers for each	15	5 Mbps: 10 Mbps: 20 Mbps: 3 30 Mbps: 50 Mbps: 60 Mbps: 1 75 Mbps: 1 100 Mbps: 4 150 Mbps: 200 Mbps: 250 Mbps: 300 Mbps: 1 500 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

Subscriber Type	Access Type	Total	Narrative (describe your reasons for any variance from the baseline plan or any other relevant information)
	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
	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 Q3, 2012, NebraskaLink expects to bring our 240 mile middle-mile network project from Sutherland to Sidney to Chadron up to 90% of completion. We will begin turn-up of our network equipment on these newly constructed spans as well and be able to turn up interconnects with service providers along this path. We will also begin our town lateral project in Sidney, Nebraska. Sidney has 11 planned CAI's. Lastly, with the completion of our middle-mile project from Sutherland to Paxton, we will be able to turn up our Southwest Nebraska ring. This will be the first fiber ring in that area of the State and will allow our interconnected service providers and CAI's to have access to fully protected paths from locations in Southwest Nebraska to locations on the East side of the state. NebraskaLink expects to have a total of 420 miles deployed by end of quarter, connect to an additional 2 Broadband Wholesaler/ last mile providers and connect one additional CAI during the quarter.

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)

	Milestone	Planned Percent Complete	Narrative (describe reasons for any variance from baseline plan or any other relevant information)
2a.	Overall Project	86	NebraskaLink expects to be slightly behind the targeted milestone due to invoices that we expect after the end of the quarter for materials to be delivered toward the end of the quarter.
2b.	Environmental Assessment	100	Completed
2c.	Network Design	90	NebraskaLink expects to be on target with our baseline for this milestone.
2d.	Rights of Way	95	NebraskaLink expects to be close to target with our baseline plan. We have a few areas that will only allow us a brief period prior to construction to obtain necessary permits.
2e.	Construction Permits and Other Approvals	97	NebraskaLink expects to be close to target with our baseline plan. Again there are a few areas that will only allow us a 60 day window to obtain permits to construct in their areas.
2f.	Site Preparation	95	NebraskaLink expects to be close to target with our baseline plan.
2g.	Equipment Procurement	87	NebraskaLink expects to be close to target with our baseline plan.
2h.	Network Build (all components - owned, leased, IRU, etc.)	93	NebraskaLink expects to be on target with our baseline plan for this milestone.
2i.	Equipment Deployment	87	NebraskaLink expects to be close to target with our baseline plan.
2j.	Network Testing	85	NebraskaLink expects to be slightly behind target on 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).

Currently NebraskaLink does not anticipate any delays for the upcoming quarter other than possible weather related issues and if we experience any delays in receipt of our fiber or conduit deliveries. No delays are anticipated at this time.

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	\$77,383	\$21,208	\$56,175	\$169,092	\$48,717	\$120,375
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	\$1,179,046	\$376,959	\$802,087	\$1,278,046	\$406,659	\$871,387
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	\$45,027	\$13,508	\$31,519
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	\$5,609,699	\$1,346,343	\$4,263,356	\$8,062,670	\$2,082,234	\$5,980,436
j. Equipment	\$3,706,362	\$1,111,909	\$2,594,453	\$2,859,307	\$1,299,356	\$1,559,951	\$3,154,307	\$1,387,856	\$1,766,451
k. Miscellaneous	\$1,344,195	\$403,259	\$940,936	\$1,149,909	\$223,153	\$926,756	\$1,352,833	\$284,030	\$1,068,803
l. SUBTOTAL (add a through k)	\$16,496,952	\$4,949,086	\$11,547,866	\$10,878,371	\$3,267,927	\$7,610,444	\$14,061,975	\$4,223,004	\$9,838,971
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	\$10,878,371	\$3,267,927	\$7,610,444	\$14,061,975	\$4,223,004	\$9,838,971

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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