

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) 09-30-2012	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): 11-15-2012	

Project Indicators (This Quarter)

1. Please describe significant project accomplishments completed during this quarter (600 words or less).

In Q3, 2012, NebraskaLink was able to bring our 240 mile middle-mile network project from Sutherland to Sidney to Chadron up to 90% of completion. We began to turn -up our network equipment on these newly constructed spans turned up interconnects with service providers along the path. We also began 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 were able to turn up our Southwest Nebraska ring. This is the first fiber ring in that area of the State and allows 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.

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	82	NebraskaLink is behind our projected target on this milestone. We expect to be closer to our target with the close of the next quarter due to invoices for services/ materials that are expected.
2b.	Environmental Assessment	100	Completed
2c.	Network Design	90	NebraskaLink is on target with this milestone.
2d.	Rights of Way	98	NebraskaLink is close to our target with this milestone.
2e.	Construction Permits and Other Approvals	98	NebraskaLink is close to our target with this milestone.
2f.	Site Preparation	85	NebraskaLink is behind on this target with our project plan. We are waiting a reply regarding a possible change to some city builds in our application.
2g.	Equipment Procurement	85	NebraskaLink is behind on this target with our project plan.
2h.	Network Build (all components - owned, leased, IRU, etc)	93	NebraskaLink is on target with this milestone.
2i.	Equipment Deployment	90	NebraskaLink is on target with this milestone.
2j.	Network Testing	84	NebraskaLink is close to target with our project plan 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 had a very productive quarter. The only delays we experienced were when our construction crews were tasked with fighting wild fires close to our project areas. At one point, these fires were less than a mile from our project.

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	420	NebraskaLink is ahead of our project plan for this milestone.
New network miles leased	1,415	NebraskaLink is on target with this milestone.

Indicator	Total	Narrative (describe your reasons for any variance from the baseline plan or any other relevant information)
Existing network miles upgraded	0	N/A
Existing network miles leased	0	N/A
Number of miles of new fiber (aerial or underground)	420	NebraskaLink is ahead of our project plan for 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	57	NebraskaLink is ahead of our project plan for this 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	2
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 Wholesales or 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. No additional CAI's were added this quarter due to focus on our longhaul project.
	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 of 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
	Please identify the speed tiers that are available and the number of subscribers for each	0	N/A

Subscriber Type	Access Type	Total	Narrative (describe your reasons for any variance from the baseline plan or any other relevant information)
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 Q4, 2012, NebraskaLink will complete our 240 mile middle-mile network project from Sutherland to Sidney to Chadron. Upon completion we will also complete the turn-up of our network equipment and connect 2 more service providers to our network. All circuits on this new Northwest Nebraska Ring will be rebuilt as protected, which will provide better service and redundancy to businesses and residences in Western Nebraska. In Q4, 2012, we will also finish our town lateral project in Sidney, Nebraska. Sidney has 11 planned CAI's. Lastly, in Q4, 2012 we will begin the final planning and project bids for the last projects on our BTOP project list. NebraskaLink plans to deploy an additional 30 miles in the 4th quarter, connect and/or build laterals to 11 CAI's in Sidney and sign an additional five agreements with 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	88	NebraskaLink expects to be behind on this milestone as compared to our baseline. NebraskaLink is waiting for an approval from BTOP on an award action request for a possible change in routes in some of our project cities.
2b.	Environmental Assessment	100	Completed
2c.	Network Design	95	NebraskaLink expects to be on target for this milestone.

	Milestone	Planned Percent Complete	Narrative (describe reasons for any variance from baseline plan or any other relevant information)
2d.	Rights of Way	100	NebraskaLink expects to be on target for this milestone.
2e.	Construction Permits and Other Approvals	100	NebraskaLink expects to be on target for this milestone.
2f.	Site Preparation	97	NebraskaLink expects to be close to target for this milestone.
2g.	Equipment Procurement	98	NebraskaLink expects to be close to target with this milestone for equipment procurement - hoping to receive all invoices by close of quarter.
2h.	Network Build (all components - owned, leased, IRU, etc.)	97	NebraskaLink expects to be on target for this milestone.
2i.	Equipment Deployment	95	NebraskaLink expects to be on target for this milestone.
2j.	Network Testing	92	NebraskaLink expects to be on target for this milestone.
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 the only challenge that may impact our project during the upcoming quarter would be the possible winter weather. We anticipate continuing with our construction for as long as the weather permits.

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	\$119,079	\$33,717	\$85,362	\$129,079	\$36,717	\$92,362
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	\$1,220,155	\$389,291	\$830,864	\$1,330,155	\$422,291	\$907,864
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	\$55,969	\$16,791	\$39,178	\$120,969	\$36,291	\$84,678
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	\$7,654,781	\$1,959,868	\$5,694,913	\$8,154,781	\$2,109,868	\$6,044,913
j. Equipment	\$3,706,362	\$1,111,909	\$2,594,453	\$3,135,065	\$1,382,083	\$1,752,982	\$3,185,065	\$1,397,083	\$1,787,982
k. Miscellaneous	\$1,344,195	\$403,259	\$940,936	\$1,372,904	\$290,051	\$1,082,853	\$1,552,903	\$344,051	\$1,208,852
l. SUBTOTAL (add a through k)	\$16,496,952	\$4,949,086	\$11,547,866	\$13,557,953	\$4,071,801	\$9,486,152	\$14,472,952	\$4,346,301	\$10,126,651
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	\$13,557,953	\$4,071,801	\$9,486,152	\$14,472,952	\$4,346,301	\$10,126,651

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: \$626,464
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