



FIRST PERFORMANCE PROGRESS REPORT 2010

<p>1. Recipient Organization (<i>Name and complete address including zip code</i>) IOWA COMMUNICATONS NETWORK, 400 EAST 14TH ST. DES MOINES, IOWA 50319</p>	<p>2. Award Identification Number NT10BIX5570069</p>
<p>3. Performance Narrative (Q1) <i>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., environmental assessment, design, rights of way) to structure your answer. (500 words or less)</i></p> <p>All segments of the project management team have been organized and are focusing on coordinated delivery of project components. The Environmental Assessment (EA) has taken immediate priority and the process is fully engaged. All requested information to initiate Section 106 Consultation was submitted to NTIA on 9/3/10. The project has been mapped to USGS 1/24,000 quadrangle maps. The entire project area has been photographically documented. Project impacts on wildlife and project affects on historic, ecological, cultural aspects of the region have been estimated and reported. Section 106 consultation through the NTIA with appropriate federal, state and local agencies has been commenced. A finding of “no impact” was attained from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and appropriately documented. Consultation with the State Historical Preservation Society and the Office of the State Archeologist has been commenced. The services of a state archeologist referred to the project by the State Historical Society of Iowa have been retained for an archeological site file search. Initiation of tribal lands review was initiated via TCNS on 9/15/10. The Sac & Fox Tribe of the Mississippi and the Winnebago of Nebraska have responded they have no interest in selected sites pending any findings of archeological review. No other tribal responses have been received to date. It is anticipated that pending archeological review of potentially affected sites the EA will be substantially completed. Sub recipient organizational meetings have commenced at both Sac & Fox and the City of Decorah. A review of BIP / BTOP potential project overlap is underway at the request of the NTIA Program Manager. A specific review of network design elements related to the project are underway and active network data is being incorporated into the final design and deployment planning in anticipation of RFP creation. No Rights of Way elements yet affect the project. No construction permits and other approvals yet affect the project. No site preparation yet affects the project. No network build components yet affect the project. No equipment deployment yet affects the project. No network testing yet affects the project. Estimated overall project completion at this point is estimated to be 2% with EA work substantially accounting for active completion elements. No ARRA funds have been received or obligated as of this quarterly report.</p>	
<p>4. Performance Projections (Q2) <i>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 any potential delays or challenges you foresee. Please use the milestone categories provided in your baseline report (e.g., environmental assessment, design, rights of way) to structure your answer. (500 words or less)</i></p> <p>The following projections apply to the upcoming 90-day period ending 12/31/10. It is anticipated in the upcoming quarter (pending any unknown discoveries from the final archeological review currently underway) that the Environmental Assessment will successfully be completed resulting in the ability to issue a FONSI. It is anticipated in the upcoming quarter that the review of potential project overlap with other active BIP/BTOP projects will be completed and any appropriate assimilation of overlap will be accounted for in the final engineering design. It is anticipated in the upcoming quarter that final network design elements, including transition planning / timing for active network elements, will be completed and placed in Microsoft Project format for use in actual program deployment. It is anticipated in the upcoming quarter that BTOP compliant RFP and/or RFP addendums will be drafted in conjunction with final engineering project plan and appropriately sequenced and posted, in preparation for vendor response and scoring. The project also requires administrative Iowa Legislature signoff of pre-existing ICN allocated funds for purchases that exceed pre-defined limits. The</p>	

Iowa Legislature convenes in early January 2011.

It is anticipated in the upcoming quarter that required engineering Rights of Way for the Lamoni IA to Leon IA fiber build (the only non sub recipient build element of the project) will be confirmed and incorporated into the engineering plan.

It is anticipated in the upcoming quarter that both sub recipient groups associated with the project will have completed their organizational governance processes and will have established specific deployment timing consistent with overall project timeline requirements.

It is anticipated in the upcoming quarter that construction permit requirements will have been identified and positioned for management inside the overall engineering deployment plan.

It is not expected that any project site preparation will be required in the upcoming quarter.


It is not anticipated that any actual equipment procurement will be required in the upcoming quarter.

It is not anticipated that any network build will be undertaken or completed in the upcoming quarter.

It is not anticipated that any newly deployed network testing will occur in the upcoming quarter.

It is not anticipated that the ICN will draw any funds during the second quarter of the Grant period.

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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