



FIRST PERFORMANCE PROGRESS REPORT 2010

1. Recipient Organization (<i>Name and complete address including zip code</i>) Dakota Carrier Network, LLC 3901 Great Plains Drive South Fargo, ND 58104	2. Award Identification Number NT10BIX5570090
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> DCN solicited four companies for Environmental consultants, engineering and project management and selected one entity to provide all these services. The environmental Assessment information was 20% complete in this quarter. The Network Design routing was finalized and we started on preliminary design of the fiber cable. No right-of-way work, permits, or other approvals were started in this quarter since we were finalizing routes. No equipment has been procured; we started writing the requirements for this equipment in this quarter. The network build has not started due to environmental consultation and weather. No equipment has been deployed; we are working on the requirements. We are on schedule in the process. No expenditures have been made to this point.	
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> In the next quarter DCN will be finishing the environmental assessment for submission to NTIA. We expect to have the network design 20% complete. \$87,000 in expenditures. We expect right-of-way work, permits, or other approvals to be 10% complete in this quarter. \$35,000 in expenditures No equipment will be procured; we will be soliciting bids for some equipment in this quarter. The network build will not be started due to environmental consultation and weather. \$93,000 in expenditures. No equipment will be deployed; we are working on the requirements and bidding. Weather is our biggest concern as it relates to any Class II or Class III reviews we need to make for the NEPA 106 process. Snow is on the ground and will probably stay through April 2011.	
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.	
5a. Typed or Printed Name and Title of Authorized Certifying Official Evan A. Hass, General Manager	5c. Telephone (<i>area code, number and extension</i>) 701-364-1314

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5b. Signature of Authorized Certifying Official	5e. Date Report Submitted (<i>Month, Day, Year</i>) 10/30/2010

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