



FIRST PERFORMANCE PROGRESS REPORT 2010

1. Recipient Organization (<i>Name and complete address including zip code</i>) Virgin Islands Public Finance Authority 32-33 Kongens Gade St. Thomas US Virgin Islands 00802	2. Award Identification Number NT10BIX5570096
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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> Federal Expenditures to Date - \$0 <u>Key Milestones</u>	
Overall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Advertisement for Environmental Assessment Consultant - <i>On September 27th the RFP was distributed to requestors as well as posted on the Territory's ARRA website for download</i> - <i>Initiated conversations with the local SHPO and fisheries division in anticipation of formal discussions on engagement of consultant</i> - <i>Bids are due on October 18th and a selection is anticipated to be made by October 29th and negotiated by November 15th.</i> - Advertisement for Engineering and Consulting Services - <i>On September 27th the RFP was distributed to requestors as well as posted on the Territory's ARRA website for download</i> - <i>Bids are due on October 18th and a selection is anticipated to be made by October 29th and negotiated by November 15th.</i> - Establishment of Financial and Grants Management Environment - <i>Created an instance of MS Dynamics GP, our financial management system, to handle and appropriately segregate these funds from other awards and financials under management of the PFA as well as to identify all expenditures per appropriate OMB Circular, ARRA requirements, and the SAC of this grant award.</i>
New network miles deployed -	No activities at this time
New network miles leased	No activities at this time
Existing network miles leased	No activities at this time
Number of miles of fiber (aerial or underground)	No activities at this time
Number of new interconnection points	No activities at this time
Number of signed agreements with broadband wholesalers or last mile providers	No activities at this time

Number of potential agreements with broadband wholesalers or last mile providers No activities at this time

Delays or Challenges

We do not anticipate delays at this time. Our primary challenges are to find qualified firms to respond to our RFP in this region of the United States. However, our advertising efforts are proving fruitful thus far.

4. Performance Projections (Q2)

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)

Federal Expenditure: \$0 projected for this period

Overall

- Attend Workshop in Dulles, Washington, DC, for second round recipients
- VI Cash match identified and obtained
- Submission of Project Baseline Report
- Begin verification process of in-kind assets to be contributed by project partner (VI Water and Power Authority)
- Select firm for development of construction engineering drawings
- Begin sourcing of internal IT equipment and resources.

New network miles deployed -

- Internal Draft Environmental Assessment Complete
- Consultations Initiated with federal authorities on behalf of the project

New network miles leased

- Begin negotiations with IRU companies (PREPAnet and Critical Hub) and NAP of Miami

Existing network miles leased No activities for this period

Number of miles of fiber (aerial or underground) No activities for this period

Number of new interconnection points No activities at this time

Number of signed agreements with broadband wholesalers or last mile providers No activities at this time

Number of potential agreements with broadband wholesalers or last mile providers

- Reengage age last mile providers that will lead to contractual agreements

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

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