



## FIRST PERFORMANCE PROGRESS REPORT 2010

1. Recipient Organization ( <i>Name and complete address including zip code</i> ) Nevada Hospital Association 5250 Neil Road, Suite 302 Reno, NV 89502	2. Award Identification Number NT10BIX5570103
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3. Performance Narrative (Q1)  
*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)*

**OVERALL PROJECT:** The Nevada Hospital Association (NHA) worked on project startup activities during the first quarter of 2010. Submitted Account System Verification (ASV) SAC to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration through Grants Online/Post Award Monitoring System.

**NETWORK DESIGN:** Pre-application design engineering, system development, and administration design development services performed.

**ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:** NHA participated in the Environmental Assessment conference call; submitted detailed project description, maps, photos to the National Telecommunications & Information Administration so they can begin to initiate consultations with State Historic Preservation Officers, Tribal Historic Preservation Officers, and Native groups as required under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

**OTHER:** Grant preparation and project management services.

**FEDERAL EXPENDITURES:** No Federal expenditures were drawn down in Q1.

**CHALLENGE:** NHA accepted the grant on September 17, 2010. As a result of an RFP process, NHA will not be identifying a contractor to design, construct, partially finance, and manage the statewide broadband network until the beginning of Q2. The contractor selected will provide a consultant to perform the Environmental Assessment due on February 1, 2011.

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)*

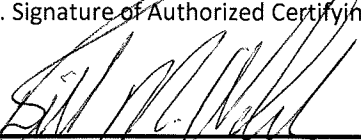
**OVERALL PROJECT:** Execute RFP to identify a contractor to design, construct, partially finance and manage the statewide broadband network; attend the BTOPT Round Two Recipient Workshop (November 9-11) in Washington, DC/Metro Area; formation of the of NHA Broadband Oversight Committee comprised of hospital representatives and chaired by a hospital CEO; and initiate contracts with vendors/partners.

**ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:** The contractor will identify a consultant to conduct the Environmental Assessment as required. Work on the Environmental Assessment will begin in Q2. Prepare the six month budget for the Environmental Assessment SAC.

**FEDERAL EXPENDITURES:** During this time period approximately \$713,853 will be expended for preparation of the grant application, including grant-related expenses; design engineering, system development, and administration design development; project management services; and services performed by a consultant to conduct the Environmental Assessment.

**CHALLENGE:** Due to the acceptance date of the award at the end of Q1, it will be a challenge to make significant progress on the Environmental Assessment in Q2. NHA expects significant progress on the Environmental Assessment at the beginning of Q3.

**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 	5d. Email Address bill@nvha.net  5e. Date Report Submitted ( <i>Month, Day, Year</i> )  <b>October 18, 2010</b>

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