



## FIRST PERFORMANCE PROGRESS REPORT 2010

1. Recipient Organization (Name and complete address including zip code) Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe	2. Award Identification Number NT10BIX5570106
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>	
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</i>	

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- *PLPT Broadband Committee: As the PLPT tribe's grant application describes, a telecommunications committee will be established and members selected according to established tribal policies. In lieu of this process being completed, an intermediate committee has been formed; and is currently being staffed by key administrative personnel who will oversee the project: Tribal Chairman, Comptroller, Tribal Administrator, Grants Accounting Specialist, Grants Administrator, Environmental Director, Tribal Planner and Compliance Officer. This Team meets bi-monthly and conferences with our Federal Program Officer bi-monthly.*
- *NEPA: The tribe's Environmental Director has initiated a dialogue with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Nevada Historic Preservation Office in preparation for the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Environmental Assessment compliance. The Environmental Department's NEPA work is included as part of the Tribe's contribution for an in-kind match. The fiber route maps and the project description were completed and submitted to the NTIA's environmental contact.*
- *The PLPT's Contracts & Grants and Finance Department personnel have established passwords in NTIA's Post Award Monitoring (PAM) and the Federal Reporting systems. A timeline was created for the implementation of the project that includes the Preconstruction, Construction, Business Development and Close-Out Phase*
- *We have developed a project manager position tailored to the construction of a fiber optic line. This position need to be classified by the Personnel Committee which meets mid-November.*
- *The Tribe is working on establishing the IRU documentation needed for an appraisal that the NTIA has indicated may be required. Because almost 95% of the match is the in-kind value of this IRU, we need to establish this soon so that we are able to spend the awarded funds in a proportional manner as required by grant guidelines.*
- *The PLPT is awaiting NTIA's decision regarding sole-sourcing with Praxis, the partner and contractor/vendor specified in the grant application. This has delayed moving forward with regard to some milestones such as the NEPA milestone and right of way milestone. We hope this issue will be resolved in the near future.*
- *We are currently working to identify budget changes such as an increase to the line item for project manager.*
- *No federal funding has been spent to date.*

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)

Next Quarter:

The critical milestones we need to accomplish next quarter concern: the hiring of the project manager; the establishment of a vendor contract for the outside plant construction; and the essential acquisition of the dark fiber IRU from Level 3 for the connection in Reno. We will also have a significant portion of the NEPA work completed: our cultural resource specialist will be working with the state historical preservation officer for the NEPA report during this period. In addition, we should make significant progress on the NEPA in the areas that concern the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The delay in the contractor issue could impact NEPA, as engineered plans are needed for NEPA. Our network design for the cable route should be finalized and validated. We are also working on the budget for input into the Tribe's accounting system. An Award Action Request through Grants Online regarding several budget line items will be submitted. We will also begin the permitting process with NDOT for the portions of highway on tribal land. Our in-kind match contribution will be limited during this quarter; we anticipate spending money from the grant on legal fees for the IRU and a project manager position. These items should amount to no more than sixty thousand dollars for the second quarter. WE will expend funds for the travel of three PLPT staff persons to Virginia for the BTOP conference mid-November. This will cost approximately three thousand dollars.

**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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