

## FIRST PERFORMANCE PROGRESS REPORT 2010



1. Recipient Organization <i>(Name and complete address including zip code)</i> Carver County, 604 East Fourth St., Chaska, MN 55318-2102	2. Award Identification Number NT10BIX5570109
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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)*

Carver County has begun contract meetings with its private partner on this project, Jaguar Communications, and has initiated efforts to find a firm to complete the Environmental Assessment (EA). The EA will be conducted along the 89-mile fiber ring and the additional 32 miles of lateral connections to the ring, all of which follows existing public road rights-of way. There are 55 community anchor sites involved in this project. The County has been in contact with all of these Carver County Open Fiber Initiative (CCOFI) sites to request representation on a Broadband Initiative Taskforce (BIT). The BIT will act as a communication source regarding information about the project and will also act as a sounding board for ideas and questions that arise from the project. The County has begun conversations with the community anchor institutions to finalize any changes or modifications that are needed for lateral connections to the fiber ring. The County has been establishing processes and resources to meet and complete the initial reporting requirements of the project. There has been no expenditure of federal funds to date.

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)*

Carver County anticipates that in the next quarter it will finalize the decision on hiring a firm to conduct the EA and will complete contract agreements with Jaguar Communications. Since the project will follow existing public road rights-of-way, the County does not anticipate problems with the EA at this time. It is likely that the first expenditures for this project will go toward the firm conducting the EA. In addition to beginning the EA, it is anticipated that members of the BIT taskforce will be named and an agenda will be set for the first meeting of the taskforce. The County anticipates completing all of community anchor institution meetings regarding laterals, which will allow for the completion of the final route maps. The County anticipates finalizing the three fiber hut locations that are needed for the project. The County anticipates that it will complete a Request For Interest (RFI) process for service providers interested in utilizing fiber in the ring. This process will meet the open internet connection requirement of the funding. The County estimates it will spend a total of \$50,000 (\$40,000 in BTOP funding and \$10,000 in match funds).

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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