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## FIRST PERFORMANCE PROGRESS REPORT 2010



1. Recipient Organization (Name and complete address including zip code)	2. Award Identification Number
Florida Rural Broadband Alliance	
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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)

Recipient notified of award on August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010. There have been no federal expenditures to date. Since award, preliminary engineering and evaluation of available assets are underway. IRU negotiations with Level 3 have begun with the exchange of preliminary engineering and upstream requirements. Initiation of the physical survey of in-kind assets is being scoped and scheduled. Engineering assessments of backbone tower locations are being scoped and planned as well through dialogue with tower operators. Development of Master Project Plan underway for detailed project event, task, and resource planning. Developing scope and contract outlines for engineering partners. Continuing to add in-kind contributions to augment/replace cash commitments. Have not had any delays or challenges 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)

This project is exempt from performing an environmental assessment and as such is proceeding at pace with all engineering and initial project deployment activities. Core tower assessments in progress, including all potential in-kind towers, for each of the engineering disciplines. Requirements for network configuration and performance provided to upstream partner, and development of Indefeasible Right of Use Agreement which will define provisioning schedules, deployment, and network management requirements. Development of vendor service level agreements, update of engineering performance standards, and RFP drafting is underway. Re-affirming tower capital lease agreements with commercial tower owners and identifying alternatives for route improvements. Initiation of the community and anchor institution outreach strategy, refinement of service offerings, public awareness plan, and collaboration with local access providers. We anticipate Federal expenditures associated engineering and project team mobilization and reimbursement for pre-award expenditures that are consistent with our project plan for Project Quarter 2 of \$500,000 to 1,000,000.

## 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 5c. Telephone (area code, number and extension) (850) 681-3717 5d. Email Address plien@govserv.com 5b. Signature of Authorized Certifying Of 5e. Date Report Submitted (Month, Day, Year) October 27, 2010

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