

FIRST PERFORMANCE PROGRESS REPORT 2010



<p>1. Recipient Organization (<i>Name and complete address including zip code</i>) Region 18 Education Svc Ctr :Connect Southwest Texas P.O. Box 60580 2811 LaForce Blvd Midland, TX 79711</p>	<p>2. Award Identification Number NT10BIX5570138</p>
<p>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></p> <p>The Region 18 ESC has made strong progress on advancing the Connect Southwest Texas (CST) project. Connect Southwest Texas is a collaborative public-private effort to deploy critical middle mile infrastructure in 19 counties. The open access network provides a sustainable, robust broadband connectivity for residents, businesses, governments, public safety and community anchors including medical providers, schools, colleges, libraries and economic development entities. Since the grant award was made in September of 2010, CST has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Organized the project team➤ Established the internal controls, processes and accounting structure to manage the grant funds, draw downs and expenditures➤ Reviewed and accepted all award documentation including SACs➤ Registered and attended training for all necessary reporting systems➤ Created working relationship and clear communications with program office via weekly calls➤ Initiated the Environment Assessment process➤ Commenced contract negotiations with key suppliers including professional services for Program Management, EA consulting professional and local telecom partners➤ No funds were expended	
<p>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 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)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Establish our baseline report by quarter for the length of the project- Attend grant workshop event in Washington DC in Nov. 2010- Attend all relevant reporting and Compliance webinars- Complete 75% of the environmental assessments and file need permits. The environmental assessment on all routes will be completed and routes will be designed and staked by the end of 4Q 2010.- Complete contract negotiations with all relevant parties- Complete project design and file rights of way permits..- If permits approval has been obtained proceed with purchase of material and construction to begin- Begin drawing down funds as needed	
<p>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.</p>	
<p>5a. Typed or Printed Name and Title of Authorized Certifying Official James Collett</p>	<p>5c. Telephone (<i>area code, number and extension</i>) 432.567.3220</p> <p>5d. Email Address jcollett@esc18.net</p>

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5b. Signature of Authorized Certifying Official 	5e. Date Report Submitted (Month, Day, Year) <i>10.28.2010</i>
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