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## FIRST PERFORMANCE PROGRESS REPORT 2010



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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)

LA-RICS was notified of the BTOP grant award for LA-SafetyNet on Monday, September 27, 2010. As such, there were no federal expenditures for the quarter ending September 30, 2010. However, the following milestones were achieved during this time period:

- Preliminary Work Breakdown Schedule (WBS), project budget, and schedule were developed; and
- Core technical consulting and support staff were brought under contract;

In addition to the milestones above, the following key activities were undertaken:

- Key stakeholders were notified of grant award and the intent to proceed immediately with the project; and
- The public was notified, via press conference, of the authority's intent to build LA-SafetyNet.

Milestones not completed during Q1 were made priority efforts in Q2.

## 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)

The first quarter of significant LA-RICS activity begins on October 1, 2010. The Authority will complete or initiate progress on the following key milestones:

- Executive management staff provides notice to proceed: Acceptance of the BTOP award and authority to proceed with LA-SafetyNet officially granted by the LA-RICS Board of Directors;
- RFP for LTE system drafted and issued: Develop and release a turn-key procurement for a vendor to produce a final, technical design for and build LA-SafetyNet;
- Conduct evaluation of LTE vendor proposals: Receive proposals and commence review and evaluation;
- Initiate Environmental Assessment: Procure qualified firms to conduct an Environmental Assessment (EA) of each site in LA-SafetyNet. Commence EA;
- <u>Develop LTE Site Design Worksheet:</u> Commence a detailed survey of all LA-SafetyNet sites (transceiver, backhaul, and core) and develop work order requirements for each surveyed site for detailed budgeting and scheduling;
- Deliver design standards regarding site acquisition: Commence developing formal site access & use agreements and any necessary permitting processes for all existing, government-owned LA-SafetyNet sites. Commence leasing and site acquisition for non-government LA-SafetyNet sites.

Rather than pursuing separate contracts for system design, site improvements, and LTE equipment, as projected in the original project proposal, the Authority has determined that issuing a single design/ build contract incorporating all three of these system elements will streamline overall project management and improve project outcomes. In the short term, however, this will pose

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several timing challenges arising from the fact that the system design will not be finalized until a contract is executed. Among these challenges:

- The selected Environmental Assessment firm will not have a finalized list of sites from which to develop an overall work plan;
- The LA-RICS site survey team firm will not have a finalized list of sites from which to develop an overall work plan; and
- The LA-RICS site acquisition team firm will not have a finalized list of sites from which to develop an overall work plan.

The Authority will manage these challenges by developing an overall work plan based on the preliminary design submitted as part of the system proposal, then executing the above assessments, surveys, and acquisitions in phases. Work will begin with those sites that, by virtue of existing infrastructure, are assured to be part of the final system design and will continue as additional sites are confirmed.

The majority of activities completed in Q2 will administrative and legal services performed by existing LA-RICS staff and accounted for as part of the Authority's cash match. This work will contribute, in this quarter, to significant project progress with little to no federal expenditures.

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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