



FIRST PERFORMANCE PROGRESS REPORT First Quarter 2010

<p>1. Recipient Organization (<i>Name and complete address including zip code</i>) C. K. Blandin Foundation 100 North Pokegama Avenue Grand Rapids, MN 55744-2739</p>	<p>2. Award Identification Number 27-43-B10515</p>
<p>3. Performance Narrative (Q1) <i>Please describe your project activities and progress for the first quarter of 2010. 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., equipment purchases, outreach activities, training programs) to help structure your answer. (500 words or less)</i></p> <p>Blandin Foundation received notice of our grant award March 26, 2010 with a grant start date of March 1, 2010. As our project has a large number of partners and we have spent some of our time relationship building and reviewing commitments. We have been learning the federal grant regulations and reporting requirements and strategizing as to how we will gather the required information and submit it to NTIA on a timely basis. We are planning a kick-off meeting for our project partners that will occur May 11-12; this meeting will enable enhanced collaboration among our varied partners. We are gathering the detailed expectations of our partners necessary to create a quality baseline report. We are developing an online reporting system that will enable partners to report their required data to us in an efficient way.</p> <p>No expenditures of federal funds were reported. No key milestones were achieved.</p> <p>The primary challenges are related to partner education of federal requirements and developing a system to gather data. Gathering new subscriptions data in a statewide project by quarter is an extreme challenge. The system proposed in our application did not anticipate this requirement as we proposed pre- and post-project statewide surveys to determine the success of our project statewide.</p>	
<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., equipment purchases, outreach activities, training programs) to help structure your answer. (500 words or less)</i></p> <p>The 2nd quarter will be the formal beginning of our project. Project partners will meet together on May 11-12 to do detailed project planning and partnership development. Each provider partner will have an opportunity to showcase their resources and each Demonstration Community will be able to schedule partnership opportunities. Curriculum will be developed by the MN Learning Commons. Demonstration Communities will form their steering committees and receive training to ensure inclusivity. Baseline surveying will be completed to determine broadband adoption rates in the demonstration communities. PCs for People will purchase their first project equipment. Reporting and administrative systems will be finalized.</p> <p>Approximately 15% of project expenses may be incurred in this quarter, primarily for baseline measurement, administration, project planning and coordination and curriculum development.</p>	
<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 Hoolihan, President and CEO Blandin Foundation</p>	<p>5c. Telephone (<i>area code, number and extension</i>) (218) 327-8728</p> <p>5d. Email Address brjoselyn@blandinfoundation.org; jjhoolihan@blandinfoundation.org</p>
<p>5b. Signature of Authorized Certifying Official </p>	<p>5e. Date Report Submitted (<i>Month, Day, Year</i>) April 30, 2010</p>

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