



## FIRST PERFORMANCE PROGRESS REPORT First Quarter 2010

1. Recipient Organization <i>(Name and complete address including zip code)</i> Columbia County Georgia IT, 630 Ronald Reagan DR, PO Box 498, Evans, GA 30809	2. Award Identification Number NT10BIX5570037
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., environmental assessment, design, rights of way) to structure your answer. (500 words or less)</i>	
<p><b>Contacted US Fish and Wildlife Services to start environmental review process for potential impact on endangered plant and wildlife species of project. Established Broadband web site to educate public on the positive impact the broadband project will have on the community. The web site also includes a place for vendors to register to receive updates on upcoming broadband requests for proposals, requests for information and request for qualifications. We had ninety vendors registered on the site at the end of March 2010. Registered project on the Federal Reporting web site, setup Automated Standard Application for Payment (ASAP) accounts and reviewed special grant award conditions with key project staff. During this period we had \$0 federal expenditures. The key challenges during the reporting period was learning and understanding the account setups and processes that needed to be established.</b></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><b>Pre-construction project planning activities including field engineering (develop construction drawings, determine route details, developing information needed for railroad crossing permits, state route permits, city route permits, and county route permits) for fiber optic routes, initial tower site visits, and collecting environmental related information (pictures, soil samples, review historical properties) to determine project impact on the current environment. Complete environmental assessment to submit to NTIA for approval. Issue request for qualifications (RFQ) to select qualified contractors to bid on fiber plant and towers construction. Issue Request for Information (RFI) to review and select fiber plant construction materials (Fiber, road markers, conduit, hand hole, pedestal, splice enclosures, interdict, poles, splice trays, pulling tape, pulling lube, couplers, etc.). Detail site surveys (FAA requirements, soil samples, zoning) for tower locations. We anticipate spending \$404,490.00 federal funds for the next quarter.</b></p>	
<b>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.</b>	
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5b. Signature of Authorized Certifying Official <b>Lewis Foster</b>	5e. Date Report Submitted <i>(Month, Day, Year)</i> <b>April 30, 2010</b>

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