



FIRST PERFORMANCE PROGRESS REPORT First Quarter 2010

<p>1. Recipient Organization (<i>Name and complete address including zip code</i>) Northwest Open Access Network (NoaNet) 5802 Overlook Ave NE Tacoma, WA 98422</p>	<p>2. Award Identification Number NT10BIX5570047</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., environmental assessment, design, rights of way) to structure your answer. (500 words or less)</i></p> <p>NoaNet did not request any Federal expenditures for the first quarter, mostly attributed to timing of our award. NoaNet is primarily working in two key areas, 1) Governing Agreements; 2) Environmental Assessment.</p> <p>NoaNet is the primary BTOP recipient and were awarded with seven (7) sub-participants, comprised of three (3) Public Utility Districts, a County, a Port District and two (2) Private Entities.</p> <p>1) Governing Agreements - NoaNet is considered a public entity by State of Washington law and as such has legal constraints regarding some terms and conditions of the award. Working with the Program Officer NoaNet recieved a thirty (30) day extension to accept the award, with a deadline of April 30, 2010. Over the past several weeks we have been working with the Program Officer and other Program Office resources in an attempt to reach a mutually acceptable language. The delay in achieving mutually acceptable terms has protracted Agreements that NoaNet intended to have executed with our sub-participants prior to NoaNet acceptance of the award. There are five (5) other sub-participant public entities that NoaNet has been preparing agreements that flow-down BTOP terms, conditions and requirements. Regardless of lack of resolution to this contract issue, NoaNet continues to invest resources to move the project forward.</p> <p>2) Environmental Assessment – NoaNet has procured via public procurement practices a consulting-engineering firm and are moving forward aggressively with work efforts surrounding the Environmental Assessment. Planning documents used in development of the Grant Application are being refined and republished in preparation for a EA kick-off meeting that will take place April 28th and 29th between NoaNet and the consulting-engineering firm who will be leading the EA effort. The initial task last week was in developing more detailed project data at a sub-participant project level, with mapping deliverables that provide level of detail required throughout the EA process. Kick off meeting deliverables will address specific milestones along with an EA specific project schedule.</p> <p>Outside of Agreements and EA, NoaNet continues to work on implementation of back office systems and on training and transition of internal resources required to manage this grant award.</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., environmental assessment, design, rights of way) to structure your answer. (500 words or less)</i></p> <p>Performance projections outlined below assume timely and mutually acceptable resolution of the Security Interest alternative and execution of governing agreements between NoaNet/NTIA-BTOP and NoaNet/Sub-participants.</p> <p>Environmental Assessment – The consulting-engineering firm will be developing and transmitting data requests to each participant to gather any pre-existing EA data or approvals that may already be in place and can be used to expedite the EA process. As required, running line surveys will be conducted to assure that a clear understanding of conditions on each project for final report preparation. A communication plan will be developed that will guide communication to all participants, agencies and project team to assure the most expedient and organized EA process possible. Contacts and formal communication will be facilitated with all Agencies required in order to achieve categorical exclusion of all projects within the 6-month timeline allowed.</p> <p>Network Design –This area is segmented into two areas: 1) equipment infrastructure; and 2) physical plant (fiber/rf) infrastructure.</p>	

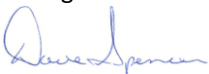
NoaNet's internal engineering team is working on a functional specification for use in a public procurement for network equipment. The team is working to assure that interconnection standards, collocation standards and interoperability with existing network investments are key drivers in the design. Separately, NoaNet's contracted consulting-engineering firm is working on the physical plant aspects of the projects, including drafting standards, buried and aerial plant design standards, microwave standards, bid units, procurement processes and material specifications. An overall project plan will also be developed that will refine staging of projects within the three (3) year timeline. If categorical exclusion is achieved or highly likely within the next reporting period, detailed design drawing and bid unit development will begin on each route.

Rights of Way (ROW) and permitting work will be driven by a successful EA process and gaining approval to construct from NTIA-BTOP. If NoaNet receives approval to move forward, then the lands group within the contracted consulting engineering team will begin to develop required ROW drawings, perform records research, and develop a communication plan for each entity or owner to acquire all required easements, rights of way and permits to enable the start of construction.

Equipment Procurement – Assuming categorical exclusion is achieved or highly likely within the next reporting period, an Request for Proposal (RFP) for Greenfield areas and a Request for Quote (RFQ) in areas where the project calls for upgrades to existing network will be initiated.

Anticipated federal expenditures in the next reporting period are in the range of \$750,000 to \$1,000,000 and all professional services associated with EA, planning and administration.

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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