



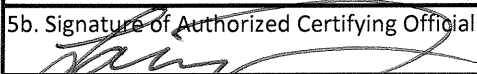
## FIRST PERFORMANCE PROGRESS REPORT First Quarter 2010

<b>1. Recipient Organization (Name and complete address including zip code)</b> <b>Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System</b> <b>21 N. Park Street, Suite 6401, Madison, WI 53706</b>	<b>2. Award Identification Number</b> <b>NT10BIX5570045</b>
<b>3. Performance Narrative (Q1)</b> <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>The Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System (UW) was notified on 3/2/10 that our Metropolitan Unified Fiber Network (MUFN) proposal had been awarded National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) grant funds. We received NTIA's grant terms and conditions on 3/11/10 and spent the remaining time in 1Q2010 having our legal counsel review the grant terms and conditions to ensure we could comply. We also held a conference call with our NTIA program officer on 3/31/10 to clarify certain grant terms and conditions.</p> <p>In anticipation of accepting the grant (which we executed in 2Q2010 on 4/9/10), UW participated on several NTIA conference calls including a new grant recipient welcome call and an Environmental Assessment (EA) kickoff conference call. As requested on the EA call, UW prepared and submitted on 3/30/10 a MUFN project description narrative used by NTIA to initiate NEPA Section 106 and Environmental Protection Act Section 7 consultations with appropriate SHPO, THPO and US Fish and Wildlife representatives. UW plans to hire a consultant to perform an Environmental Assessment and began initial planning and procurement activities associated with this effort.</p> <p>UW has not made any federal expenditure in 1Q2010 as we are just completing project kickoff activities within the quarter.</p>	
<b>4. Performance Projections (Q2)</b> <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>The Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System (UW) will aggressively pursue substantial completion of an Environmental Assessment (EA) milestone for the entire MUFN project area in 2Q2010. Specifically, we will be developing a bid for an outside environmental consultant to help us expedite this activity. The scope of the bid will include National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) section 106 and Endangered Species Act section 7 consultations. The output of this is a report which meets or exceeds our obligations in these areas based on NTIA EA guidance documentation. We anticipate having a completed EA submitted to NTIA for review by the end of 2Q2010 and hope to receive an NTIA Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) early in 3Q2010. UW anticipates requesting expenditure of just under \$25,000 of federal funds either in late 2Q2010 or most likely in early 3Q2010 for this activity.</p> <p>In addition to the EA, UW plans to make substantial progress on researching and developing a fiber construction bid that will include engineering, construction permitting, material acquisition and placement and post-installation (as-built) documentation activities. We are using UW-Madison staff not funded by the grant to accomplish this task. Once an EA FONSI is obtained from NTIA, UW will let the bid out (likely in 3Q2010). To help prepare a comprehensive bid, we are requesting RFP or RFB documents from other NTIA BTOP</p>	

recipients in the higher education community. In addition, we are also engaging with several prospective vendors to better understand their capability and capacity in these areas to perform these activities starting in late 3Q2010 and 4Q2010. We do not expect to expend any federal funds for this effort.

Finally, in 2Q2010, UW will be developing an agreement with the City of Madison to codify the City as a grant sub-recipient given the nature of how the MUFN consortium will operate. We seek to incorporate example terms and conditions that are forthcoming from NTIA to ensure all MUFN consortium parties are whole and meeting grant obligations with NTIA. We anticipate this will take several months such that completion is not expected until 3Q2010. UW will not request federal funds for this activity.

**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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