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| ANNUAL PERFORMANCE PROGRESS REPORT FOR BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS                               |                        |  |  |  |  |
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| General Information  |                        |  |  |  |  |
| Federal Agency and Organizational Element to     Which Report is Submitted                             | 2. Award Identifica    | ation Number   | 3. DUNS Number                                 |  |  |
| Department of Commerce, National Telecommunications and Information Administration                     | NT10BIX557001          | 8  | 014409657                                      |  |  |
| 4. Recipient Organization  |                        |  |  |  |  |
| Critical Hub Networks, Inc 1314 Ponce De Leon Ave.<br>Ste. 400, San Juan, PR 00907-4047                |                        |  |  |  |  |
| 5. Current Reporting Period End Date (MM/DD/YYYY)  |                        | 6. Is this the last Annual Report of the Award Period? |  |  |  |
| 12-31-2012   |                        | ○ Yes ● No   |  |  |  |
| 7. Certification: I certify to the best of my knowledge and purposes set forth in the award documents. | l belief that this rep | oort is correct and o                                  | complete for performance of activities for the |  |  |
| 7a. Typed or Printed Name and Title of Certifying Officia  | 1                      | 7c. Telephone (are                                     | ea code, number and extension)                 |  |  |
| Karen Elizabeth Larson   |                        | 7877289000   |  |  |  |
|  |                        | 7d. Email Address                                      |  |  |  |
| Vice President   |                        | kmarazzi@caribe.net                                    |  |  |  |
| 7b. Signature of Certifying Official   |                        | 7e. Date Report Submitted (MM/DD/YYYY):                |  |  |  |
| Submitted Electronically   |                        | 02-26-2013   |  |  |  |
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## **OVERALL PROJECT PERFORMANCE INDICATORS**

1. Please provide the following average cost figures for your project. Please review the instructions to determine how to calculate these figures. Write "0" in the second column and "N/A" in the third column if your project does not yet have this information. Depending on whether your project contains Middle Mile and/or Last Mile components, some metrics may not apply. Please provide a narrative description if the total is different from the target provided in your baseline plan (600 words or less).

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|--|-------------------------|---|--|--|
| Cost Indicator                                   | Average Cost /<br>Speed | Narrative (describe your reasons for any variance from the baseline plan or any other relevant information) |  |  |
| Average cost per new mile (Middle Mile)          | 6948.40                 | Calculation based on costs associated with middle miles completed as of 12/31/2012: 4,096.                  |  |  |
| Average cost per household passed (Last Mile)    | 0                       | N/A   |  |  |
| Average cost per subscriber (Last Mile)          | 0                       | N/A   |  |  |
| Maximum broadband speed advertised (Middle Mile) | 10 Gbps                 | We offer middle mile transit and peering at up to 10Gbps for last mile providers                            |  |  |
| Maximum broadband speed advertised (Last Mile)   | 0                       | N/A   |  |  |
| Average broadband speed provided (Middle Mile)   | 836.78 Mbps             | As of 12/31/2012, there were 14 last mile providers interconnected.   |  |  |
| Average broadband speed provided (Last Mile)     | 0                       | N/A   |  |  |

2. Please provide each facility name and type, the county where the facility is located, and census tract information for any facilities funded by your project during this annual reporting period. Report only facilities for which construction has been completed.

| Facility Identifier / Name | Facility Type         | County                    | Census Tracts   |  |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|--|
| PR-NAP (Telegrafo)         | Interconnection Point | Municipio de San Juan     | 721270021002018 |  |
| NAP of the Americas        | Interconnection Point | Miami-Dade County         | 120860037024002 |  |
| Caguas                     | Interconnection Point | Municipio de Caguas       | 720252010002032 |  |
| Mayaguez                   | Interconnection Point | Municipio de Mayaguez     | 720970815222059 |  |
| Machos                     | Interconnection Point | Municipio de Ceiba        | 720371602011038 |  |
| Casa Blanca                | Interconnection Point | Municipio de Luquillo     | 720891401023002 |  |
| Zarzal                     | Interconnection Point | Municipio de Rio Grande   | 721191306012018 |  |
| Caimito                    | Interconnection Point | Municipio de San Juan     | 721270100424023 |  |
| Torrecilla                 | Interconnection Point | Municipio de Barranquitas | 720199523012020 |  |
| Miradero                   | Interconnection Point | Municipio de Villalba     | 721497201001000 |  |
| Sagrado Corazon            | Interconnection Point | Municipio de San Juan     | 721270039021001 |  |
| Bayamon                    | Interconnection Point | Municipio de Bayamon      | 720210303004017 |  |

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| Guaynabo    | Interconnection Point | Municipio de Guaynabo    | 720610403032000 |
|-------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Guaynabo3   | Interconnection Point | Municipio de Guaynabo    | 721270099012013 |
| Carolina    | Interconnection Point | Municipio de Carolina    | 721270054011013 |
| Fajardo     | Interconnection Point | Municipio de Fajardo     | 720531502004020 |
| Piedra Azul | Interconnection Point | Municipio de Las Piedras | 721519509002008 |
| Piñas       | Interconnection Point | Municipio de Cayey       | 720252028003017 |
| Percha      | Interconnection Point | Municipio de Morovis     | 721019554013086 |

Add Facility Remove Facility

3. Please identify (1) the total number of interconnection, peering, and/or transit agreements entered into during this annual reporting period; (2) the total number of agreements of each type that you are currently negotiating; and (3) whether you have denied any request for interconnection and if so, why. If you have not entered into any agreements, please write "N/A."

Interconnection Agreements (600 words or less)

In 2012, PRBI has signed interconnection agreements with five (5) last mile service providers. We are continuing to negotiate interconnection agreements with seven (7) last mile providers. We have not denied any requests for interconnectivity.

Peering and Transit Agreements (600 words or less)

N/A

## CAPACITY, UTILIZATION, AND CAPABILITY INDICATORS

4. Community Anchor Institutions: In the chart below, please provide information on the types of community anchor institutions capable of receiving service (i.e., anchor institutions connected to your network plus those passed by your network) as a result of BTOP funds.

| Type of Community Anchor<br>Institution | Total Number Within Service<br>Area | Type of Community Anchor Institution   | Total Number Within Service<br>Area |
|---|-------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| Schools (K-12)                          | 1,473                               | Public Housing                         | 0                                   |
| Libraries                               | 119                                 | Other Institutions of Higher Education | 32                                  |
| Medical and Healthcare Providers        | 256                                 | Other Community Support Organizations  | 0                                   |
| Public Safety Entities                  | 194                                 | Other Government Facilities            | 0                                   |
| Community Colleges                      | 0                                   | Total Community Anchor Institutions    | 2,074                               |

5. Please indicate the average increase in broadband speed provided to the community anchor institution customers as a result of your project, including a description of how this increase was calculated (600 words or less).

The Puerto Rico Bridge Initiative project is a middle-mile project serving primarily last mile broadband providers. Projections for Community Anchor Institutions on our baseline were made based on data we received from broadband providers on how many each of their networks served. Critical Hub did not receive any funding for laterals or last mile connectivity to CAI's. Critical Hub is working directly with the Dept of Education to provide local peering with 1,473 schools at their main facilities. Peering interconnection will be via a 1Gbps port.

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6. What retail services are being provided by this project? Please describe below. (600 words or less). As an attachment to this report, please provide pricing plans (in \$ per month) associated with each retail service. Retail services description:

The PRBI project does not provide retail services. PRBI provides middle-mile transit and peering services to broadband service providers. In addition, PRBI will also provide peering services to Critical Community Anchor Institutions and Government Agencies.

- 7a. What network management policies (e.g., bandwidth limitations, traffic prioritization) are in place for the services provided by your project? 7b. Have you ever limited or blocked consumers from accessing any lawful content, service, service provider, or application, or prevented any consumers from attaching any legal device to the network? If so, please explain why (300 words or less)?
- 7a. Critical Hub's network consists of, but is not limited to, channel banks, hubs, switches, routers, servers, Local Area Networks at the equipment locations, Wide Area Links connecting sites together consisting of the microwave & fiber optic equipment, and the network management tools provided by the equipment manufacturer. The specifics and details are available upon request and published at our webpage (www.criticalhub.com).
- 7b. Critical Hub Networks generally provides best effort forwarding of all IP traffic. Exceptions to best effort forwarding are limited to the following: (a) forwarding of traffic explicitly tagged as "less than best effort" by the end-user, offering a priority of traffic forwarding that is less than best effort to support researchers that choose a lower class of service when they transfer large data sets which are insensitive to loss or latency. (b) MPLS traffic engineering is sometimes used to differentially route "managed high-speed service" traffic from commercial peering or commodity traffic for the purpose of load balancing traffic among backbone resources. (c) measures to address distribution of harmful viruses or spam, denial of service attacks, and other harmful activities following customer notification of violations of our Acceptable Usage Policy.
- 8. If applicable, please provide the total number and the percentage of subscribers who have dropped the broadband service provided through this project (total number of households and/or businesses and the "churn rate") and the subscribers' reasons for discontinuing their service (600 words or less).

  N/A

9. Please provide the following information regarding the number of fiber strand-miles:

| Total Number of                            | Total Number of Active Fiber |              | Total Number of<br>Dark Fiber | Total Number of Strand-miles Being Built |      |   |
|--|------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|--|------|---|
| Strand-miles Strand-miles Used by Recipien | Leased Fiber<br>Strand-miles | Strand-miles | Active                        | Leased                                   | Dark |   |
| 15,604                                     | 15,604                       | 0            | 0                             | 0  | 0    | 0 |

10. If you wholesale dark fiber, please list your wholesale customers and the number of fiber miles you currently are leasing to those customers:

N/A

11. Please provide the following information regarding the facility collocation capacity:

| Total Facility (total square feet for all facilities)  Number of Square Feet Used by Recipient |       | Number of Square Feet Leased | Number of Square Feet Available |
|--|-------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 8,000  | 1,267 | 4,620                        | 2,113                           |

12. If you do not own collocation space, please describe how and where other network providers and/or customers interconnect with your network (600 words or less).

N/A

13. To the extent that you have made any subcontracts or sub grants, please provide the number of subcontracts or sub grants that have been made to socially and economically disadvantaged small business (SDB) concerns as defined by section 8(a) of the Small Business Act, 15 U.S.C. 647, as modified by NTIA's adoption of an alternative small business size standard for use in BTOP. Please also provide the names of these SDB entities (150 words or less).

Critical Hub Networks, Inc. is itself a Socially and Economically Disadvantaged Small Business (SBD) concern. In addition, funds have been expended to the following SDB's: Computer Paradise, EOA Telecom, Fire Control Corporation, JAS Corporation, International

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Hardware, JD Interiors, Sanchez Technical, TecnolAir, Teknical Telekom, VersaTech.

- 14. Please describe any best practices/lessons learned that can be shared with other similar BTOP projects (900 words or less).
- Maintain, regularly review all award documents including NOFA, CD450, SAC, Budget, BTOP Recipient Master Checklist of Activities.
- Keep your Grant File up-to-date.
- Regular logins to PAM & GOL.
- Regular communication with NTIA & NOAA staff is essential to ensure that project stays on course and nobody has any surprises. We prepare a memo for each call to summarize project status, ongoing challenges, other pending issues.
- Ensure all SAC requirements, including BAA, Davis Bacon, Disbarment, etc are properly included in procurement documents such as PO's, RFP/RFQ, and any contractor agreements.
- Start reporting preparations early, and participate in drop-in calls to address questions. Often other recipients catch minor details that you may miss its a great way to ensure that you are reporting correctly!
- Designate a compliance officer who is dedicated to ensuring project compliance, budgeting, and maintenance of contemporaneous records.
- Finding experienced, qualified staff can be a challenge. Anticipate training requirements.
- 15. Using the Excel spreadsheet template titled "Annual PPR CCI Addendum", please provide an updated list of Community Anchor Institutions (CAIs) that you have connected and plan to connect to your network.
- 16. Using the Excel spreadsheet template titled "Annual PPR CCI Addendum", please provide a list of community pairs that are receiving new or improved broadband service as a result of BTOP grant funds. 17. Please provide up-to-date network route maps in a single file, in a Google Earth compatible format (e.g., KMZ file).