

RECIPIENT NAME: Bristol Virginia Utilities Board

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### ANNUAL PERFORMANCE PROGRESS REPORT FOR BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

#### General Information

<b>1. Federal Agency and Organizational Element to Which Report is Submitted</b> Department of Commerce, National Telecommunications and Information Administration	<b>2. Award Identification Number</b> NT10BIX5570066	<b>3. DUNS Number</b> 066723990
<b>4. Recipient Organization</b>  Bristol Virginia Utilities Board 15022 Lee Hwy , Bristol, VA 24202-4256		
<b>5. Current Reporting Period End Date (MM/DD/YYYY)</b>  12-31-2013	<b>6. Is this the last Annual Report of the Award Period?</b>  <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	
<b>7. 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>		
<b>7a. Typed or Printed Name and Title of Certifying Official</b>  Stacey Pomrenke  CFO	<b>7c. Telephone (area code, number and extension)</b>  2766458707	
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<b>7b. Signature of Certifying Official</b>  Submitted Electronically	<b>7e. Date Report Submitted (MM/DD/YYYY):</b>  02-03-2014	

**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).

Cost Indicator	Average Cost / Speed	Narrative (describe your reasons for any variance from the baseline plan or any other relevant information)
Average cost per new mile (Middle Mile)	63,108	Cost calculation only considers costs associated with new miles (not leased or upgraded miles) and include ONLY costs associated with conduit, cables, towers, antennas/wireless transceivers, and the labor used to install transmission infrastructure. Cost per mile higher than expected due to hard rock found during underground burial. To mitigate hard rock costs, some of the planned underground fiber was changed to aerial. No impact to Environmental Assessment since assessment discussed both options and study was based on most intrusive impact (i.e. buried fiber). Fiber being built on Virginia Department of Transportation's rights-of-way.
Average cost per household passed (Last Mile)	0	NA. Middle mile project.
Average cost per subscriber (Last Mile)	0	NA. Middle mile project.
Maximum broadband speed advertised (Middle Mile)	10 Gbps	Consistent with plan.
Maximum broadband speed advertised (Last Mile)	0	NA. Middle mile project does not include providing last mile
Average broadband speed provided (Middle Mile)	2 Gbps	Consistent with plan.
Average broadband speed provided (Last Mile)	0	NA. Middle mile project does not include providing last mile

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
Bland PoP	PoP (Point-of-Presence)	Bland, VA	990100
Broadford PoP	PoP (Point-of-Presence)	Smyth, VA	990100
Damascus PoP	PoP (Point-of-Presence)	Washington, VA	010900
Rosedale PoP	PoP (Point-of-Presence)	Washington, VA	990400
Valley PoP	PoP (Point-of-Presence)	Washington, VA	010200
Wytheville PoP	PoP (Point-of-Presence)	Wythe, VA	990100

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)**

NA

**Peering and Transit Agreements (600 words or less)**

NA

**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 Institution	Total Number Within Service Area	Type of Community Anchor Institution	Total Number Within Service Area
Schools (K-12)	33	Public Housing	2
Libraries	4	Other Institutions of Higher Education	3
Medical and Healthcare Providers	16	Other Community Support Organizations	9
Public Safety Entities	32	Other Government Facilities	18
Community Colleges	8	Total Community Anchor Institutions	125

**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).**

Broadband speeds have not increased since project is middle mile and we are not providing direct connection to any Community Anchor Institutions's as part of the project, however, increased speeds will be achieved when last mile provided. Many Community Anchor Institutions along routes are accessing network through Digital Subscriber Line (1.5 Megabits per second) and the new fiber network could offer, on average, 2 Gigabits per second, or an increase of over 1300%.

**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:**

NA

**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)?**

We do not have a formal policy since this a middle-mile project and we structure services based on lease needs, however, we do prioritize commercial traffic over residential, and we prioritize voice traffic (Voice Over Internet Protocol) over other types.

**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).**

NA

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

Total Number of Strand-miles	Total Number of Active Fiber Strand-miles Used by Recipient	Total Number of Leased Fiber Strand-miles	Total Number of Dark Fiber Strand-miles	Total Number of Strand-miles Being Built		
				Active	Leased	Dark
67,653	1,842	188	65,623	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:**

Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT): 188 strand-miles.

**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
1,141	1,057	0	84

**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).**

There is space for one rack, which consist of 44 vertical rack units, in each National Telecommunications and Information Administration / Broadband Technologies Opportunity Program funded PoP (Point-of-Presence) site. The floor space would equate to 14 square feet of area for the rack and access room around it.

Facility Identifier/Name	County	Total Sq Ft	Colocation Space Sq Ft
Bland PoP	Bland, VA	162.4	14.0
Broadford PoP	Smyth, VA	162.4	14.0
Damascus PoP	Washington, VA	162.4	14.0
Rosedale PoP	Russell, VA	185.6	14.0
Valley PoP	Washington, VA	162.4	14.0
Wytheville PoP	Wythe, VA	306.0	14.0

Optionally, any provider could interconnect at BVU Authority's primary data center and utilize in place transport equipment to the PoP (Point-of-Presence) sites. The data center has a dedicated colocation center.

**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).**

NA

**14. Please describe any best practices/lessons learned that can be shared with other similar BTOP projects (900 words or less).**

Best advice we can give is to contact the agencies (especially US Forest Service and the US Fish and Wildlife Service) early, keep them in the loop, and communicate with them frequently. Aggressively push for responses, else in our experience, responses will be very slow or not received at all. Also, engage a qualified environmental assessment expert with a comprehensive background in all aspects associated with environmental studies. As we have learned in dealing with the environmental assessment process, the examples of previous reports referenced by Broadband Technology Opportunities Program as guidelines for a complete assessment did not address several environmental issues that were noted as deficiencies in the Environmental Assessment we submitted. This has caused us to scramble to get the needed information very late in the process when we had up-front time available, before EA submission, to get the information marked as deficient. We would hope that a qualified Environmental Assessment consultant would recognize missing areas even though not specifically listed in examples. Also, spend time researching how to correctly fill out the necessary reports. The instructions are somewhat vague. Attend webinars on how to interpret the instructions. Lastly, be flexible as the instructions for filling out reports changed quite often and different Broadband Technology Opportunities Program administrative departments did not always agree on what report is needed or what information is needed in report. We consistently had to go back and amend report information.

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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).