

RECIPIENT NAME:Nebraskalink, LLC

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QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE PROGRESS REPORT FOR BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

General Information

1. Federal Agency and Organizational Element to Which Report is Submitted Department of Commerce, National Telecommunications and Information Administration	2. Award Identification Number NT10BIX5570112	3. DUNS Number 961773509
4. Recipient Organization Nebraskalink, LLC 233 S 13TH ST STE 1900, Lincoln, NE 68508-2000		
5. Current Reporting Period End Date (MM/DD/YYYY) 06-30-2011	6. Is this the last Report of the Award Period? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
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.		
7a. Typed or Printed Name and Title of Certifying Official Sheryl Vogle	7c. Telephone (area code, number and extension) X	
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7b. Signature of Certifying Official Submitted Electronically	7e. Date Report Submitted (MM/DD/YYYY): 08-11-2011	

Project Indicators (This Quarter)			
<p>1. Please describe significant project accomplishments completed during this quarter (600 words or less). NebraskaLink was awarded their FONSI during this quarter, allowing us to begin construction during the last three weeks of the quarter. NebraskaLink continues to work closely with our Engineering Consultant to finalize all mapping for our project.</p>			
<p>2. Please provide the percent complete for the following key milestones in your project. Write "0" in the Percent Complete column and "N/A" in the Narrative column if your project does not include this activity. If you provided additional milestones in your baseline plan, please insert them at the bottom of the table. Unless otherwise indicated in the instructions, figures should be reported cumulatively from award inception to the end of the most recent reporting quarter. Please provide a narrative description if the percent complete is different from the target provided in your baseline plan (300 words or less).</p>			
	Milestone	Percent Complete	Narrative (describe reasons for any variance from baseline plan or subsequent written updates provided to your program officer)
2a.	Overall Project	17	Our project was slightly delayed due to the timeframe in receiving our FONSI. In addition, weather conditions and flooding in our construction area once the FONSI was awarded has delayed our project slightly. We will be working closely with our Engineering Consultant and Contractors with the receipt of our fiber to catch up on the overall project to be closer in line with our baseline plan. We will look into adding additional crews to the contractors work force as well.
2b.	Environmental Assessment	100	NebraskaLink's EA was approved this quarter and NebraskaLink was awarded their FONSI.
2c.	Network Design	55	NebraskaLink is working closely with our Engineering Consultant on mapping out and staking the remainder of our project plans since the award of our FONSI.
2d.	Rights of Way	30	NebraskaLink is currently behind on this milestone due to the delay in receipt of our FONSI. We are working closely with our Engineering Consultant to bring this milestone closer in line with our baseline plan.
2e.	Construction Permits and Other Approvals	40	NebraskaLink continues to work on obtaining the necessary permits in our project cities as well as permits for other needs including railroad crossings. We are working closely with our Engineering Consultant to obtain all necessary permits and approvals as our project progresses.
2f.	Site Preparation	20	NebraskaLink is now ramping up on site preparations since the award of our FONSI.
2g.	Equipment Procurement	55	We are on target for equipment procurement.
2h.	Network Build (all components - owned, leased, IRU, etc)	50	We are on target for our network build.
2i.	Equipment Deployment	30	We are delayed on our equipment deployment due to the delay in the award of our FONSI and weather conditions to begin our deployment.
2j.	Network Testing	35	We are on target for our network testing.
2k.	Other (please specify):	0	Not applicable for our award.
<p>3. To the extent not covered above, please describe any challenges or issues faced during this past quarter in achieving planned progress against the project milestones listed above. In particular, please identify any areas or issues where technical assistance from the BTOP program may be useful (600 words or less). The delay in our project milestones were a result of the extended time period to receive the award of our FONSI. Since the FONSI was awarded, we have experienced a significant delay in obtaining fiber for the first phase of our project due to the availability from the effects of the earthquake in Japan. Once construction began to lay conduit to house our fiber when delivered, our contractor was halted and requested to sandbag cities in our build areas due to river flooding in multiple areas of Nebraska.</p>			
<p>4. Please report the following information regarding network build progress. Write "0" in the Total column and "N/A" in the Narrative column if your project does not include this activity. Unless otherwise indicated in the instructions, figures should be reported cumulatively from award inception to the end of the most recent reporting quarter. Please provide a narrative description if the total is different from the target provided in your baseline plan (600 words or less).</p>			

Indicator	Total	Narrative (describe your reasons for any variance from the baseline plan or any other relevant information)
New network miles deployed	0	We are behind on our anticipated new network miles deployed due to the delay in receiving our FONSI and the delay in delivery of our fiber cable. Our Contractor has been plowing and laying conduit - upon the receipt of our fiber that is starting to come in, we will be able to catch up on this milestone by blowing the fiber into the conduit that has been laid in the ground.
New network miles leased	809	We are on target with our baseline plan for this quarter in regards to new network miles leased.
Existing network miles upgraded	0	N/A
Existing network miles leased	0	N/A
Number of miles of new fiber (aerial or underground)	809	We are behind on our anticipated miles of new fiber deployed due to the delay in receiving our FONSI and weather delays once construction began.
Number of new wireless links	0	N/A
Number of new towers	0	N/A
Number of new and/or upgraded interconnection points	15	NebraskaLink is currently on target with our baseline plan for this quarter in regards to the number of interconnection points.

For questions 5 and 6 please include information relating to agreements that you are negotiating or have entered into, or that your sub recipient, contractor or subcontractor is negotiating or entered into.

5a. If applicable, please provide the following information with regard to agreements with broadband wholesalers and/or last mile providers as a result of your project.

Indicators	
Number of signed agreements with broadband wholesalers or last mile providers	9
Number of agreements currently being negotiated with broadband wholesalers or last mile providers	8
Average term of signed agreements (in quarters)	8

5b. Please list the names of the wholesale and last mile providers with whom you have signed agreements (100 words or less). Providers:

Four U Technology
Consolidated Telecom
Nebraska Central Telephone Company
Hamilton Telecom
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company
Great Plains Communications
American Broadband
Windstream
Frontier

5c. What wholesale services are being provided by this project? Please describe below. As an attachment to this report, please provide pricing plans (in \$ per month) associated with each wholesale service provided by your product (100 words or less). Wholesale services description:

Schedule represents pricing for NebraskaLink member companies. Pricing based on purchases at the indicated standard quantities and a two year service contract. There are non recurring charges or port charges for member companies.
50 Mbs \$45.00/Mbs/Month
100 Mbs \$45.00/Mbs/Month

5d. If you have designated a third party to operate all or a portion of your network, please provide the name and contact information for this third party, indicate if this entity is a sub recipient, contractor, and/or subcontractor, and describe with specificity the portion of your network this this third party operates (600 words or less).

N/A

6. Please provide the data according to the type of subscriber. Write "0" in the Total column and "N/A" in the Narrative column if your project does not pass or serve a particular subscriber type. Unless otherwise indicated in the instructions, figures should be reported

cumulatively from award inception to the end of the most recent reporting quarter. Please provide a narrative description if the total is different from the target provided in your baseline plan (300 words or less).

Subscriber Type	Access Type	Total	Narrative (describe your reasons for any variance from the baseline plan or any other relevant information)
Broadband Wholesalers or Last Mile Providers	Providers with signed agreements receiving new access	9	NebraskaLink is ahead of projection from our baseline plan on our signed agreements with Broadband Wholesalers and last mile providers.
	Providers with signed agreements receiving improved access	0	N/A
	Providers with signed agreements receiving access to dark fiber	0	N/A
	Please identify the speed tiers that are available and the number of subscribers for each	9	10 Mbps - 1 20 Mbps - 1 50 Mbps - 1 100 Mbps - 3 150 Mbps - 1 200 Mbps - 1 250 Mbps - 1 500 Mbps - 1 1000 Mbps - 1 10 Gpbs - 1
Community Anchor Institutions (including Government institutions)	Total subscribers served	5	We are behind on the number of CAI's from our baseline plan due to the delay in our construction start.
	Subscribers receiving new access	5	We are behind on the number of CAI's from our baseline plan due to the delay in our construction start.
	Subscribers receiving improved access	0	N/A
	Please identify the speed tiers that are available and the number or subscribers for each	3	5 Mbps - 2 10 Mbps - 1 20 Mbps - 2
Residential / Households	Entities passed	0	N/A
	Total subscribers served	0	N/A
	Subscribers receiving new access	0	N/A
	Subscribers receiving improved access	0	N/A
	Please identify the speed tiers that are available and the number of subscribers for each	0	N/A
Businesses	Entities passed	0	N/A
	Total subscribers served	0	N/A
	Subscribers receiving new access	0	N/A
	Subscribers receiving improved access	0	N/A
	Please identify the speed tiers that are available and the number of subscribers for each	0	N/A

7. Please describe any special offerings you may provide (600 words or less).

N/A

8a. Have your network management practices changed over the last quarter? Yes No

8b. If so, please describe the changes (300 words or less).
 N/A

9. Community Anchor Institutions:
 Using the table below, please provide a list by service area of the community anchor institutions (including Government institutions) connected to your network as a result of BTOP funds. Figures should be reported for the most recent reporting quarter only (NOT cumulatively). Also indicate whether your organization is currently providing broadband service to the anchor institution. Finally, provide a short narrative description with examples of how institutions are using BTOP-funded infrastructure (300 words or less).

Institution Name	Service Area (town or county)	Type of Anchor Institution (as defined in your baseline)	Are you also the broadband service provider for this institution? (Yes / No)	Narrative description of how anchor institutions are using BTOP-funded infrastructure
City of North Platte	North Platte	Other Government Facility	No	The City of North Platte is using this infrastructure for internet access.
Board of Regents - University of Nebraska	Grand Island	Other Institution of Higher Education	No	The Board of Regents - University of Nebraska is using this infrastructure for internet access.
State of Nebraska - Department of Labor	Grand Island	Other Government Facility	No	The State of Nebraska - Department of Labor is using this infrastructure for internet access.
State of Nebraska- Department of Health and Human Services	Grand Island	Other Government Facility	No	The State of Nebraska - Department of Health and Human Services is using this infrastructure for internet access.
State of Nebraska - Department of Roads	Grand Island	Other Government Facility	No	The State of Nebraska - Department of Roads is using this infrastructure for internet access.

Project Indicators (Next Quarter)

1. Please describe significant project accomplishments planned for completion during the next quarter (600 words or less).
 NebraskaLink plans to complete plowing / boring of an additional 90 miles of rural construction for ring 1 / phase 1 of our project, as well as roughly 6 miles of lateral town construction.

2. Please provide the percent complete for the following key milestones in your project. Write "0" in the Planned Percent Complete column and "N/A" in the Narrative column if your project does not include this activity. If you provided additional milestones in your baseline plan, please insert them at the bottom of the table. Unless otherwise indicated in the instructions, figures should be reported cumulatively from award inception to the end of the next reporting quarter. Please provide a narrative description if the percent complete is different from the target provided in your baseline plan (300 words or less).

	Milestone	Planned Percent Complete	Narrative (describe reasons for any variance from baseline plan or any other relevant information)
2a.	Overall Project	32	We will continue to lag for this quarter due to the delay in starting construction and being able to order equipment needed due to late award of our FONSI as well as the delay in receiving our fiber ordered. We anticipate catching this up in the following quarter to be more in line with our baseline projection.
2b.	Environmental Assessment	100	Completed
2c.	Network Design	70	We are currently on target with our projected baseline for next quarter.
2d.	Rights of Way	50	We will continue to lag for this quarter due to the delay in starting our project due to the late award of our FONSI. We anticipate catching this up in the following quarter to be more in line with our baseline projection.
2e.	Construction Permits and Other Approvals	50	NebraskaLink will continue to lag for this quarter due to the delay in starting our project due to the late award of our FONSI. We anticipate catching this up in the following quarter to be more in line with our baseline projection.
2f.	Site Preparation	36	We are currently on target with our projected baseline for next quarter.
2g.	Equipment Procurement	65	We are currently on target with our projected baseline for next quarter.

	Milestone	Planned Percent Complete	Narrative (describe reasons for any variance from baseline plan or any other relevant information)
2h.	Network Build (all components - owned, leased, IRU, etc.)	60	We anticipate being close to our targeted projection for next quarter. We have experienced weather delays at the start of this quarter.
2i.	Equipment Deployment	45	We anticipate a delay on this milestone due to the late award of our FONSI and we were not able to purchase enclosures for all or our equipment to be deployed as planned.
2j.	Network Testing	40	We will continue to lag for this quarter due to the delay in starting our project due to the late award of our FONSI. We anticipate catching this up in the following quarter to be more in line with our baseline projection.
2k.	Other (please specify):	0	N/A

3. Please describe any challenges or issues anticipated during the next quarter that may impact planned progress against the project milestones listed above. In particular, please identify any areas or issues where technical assistance from the BTOP program may be useful (600 words or less).

Other than the possible delay for receiving ordered fiber, the only other anticipated challenges in the next quarter will be continued weather issues. Areas of Nebraska have been affected by flooding due to river overflows.

Infrastructure Budget Execution Details

Activity Based Expenditures (Infrastructure)

1. Please provide details below on your total budget, cumulative actual expenditures (for the period ending the current quarter), and cumulative anticipated expenditures (for the period ending next quarter) for each line item, including detailed disbursements of both matching funds and federal funds from project inception through end of this quarter (actual) or next quarter (anticipated). Actual and anticipated figures should be reported cumulatively from award inception to the end of the applicable reporting quarter.

Budget for Entire Project				Actuals from Project Inception through End of Current Reporting Period			Anticipated Actuals from Project Inception through End of Next Reporting Period		
Cost Classification	Total Cost (plan)	Matching Funds (plan)	Federal Funds (plan)	Total Cost	Matching Funds	Federal Funds	Total Costs	Matching Funds	Federal Funds
a. Administrative and legal expenses	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
b. Land, structures, right-of-ways, appraisals, etc.	\$604,700	\$181,410	\$423,290	\$8,031	\$0	\$8,031	\$23,000	\$0	\$23,000
c. Relocation expenses and payments	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
d. Architectural and engineering fees	\$1,753,253	\$526,057	\$1,227,466	\$517,635	\$184,745	\$332,890	\$657,635	\$184,745	\$472,890
e. Other architectural and engineering fees	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
f. Project inspection fees	\$125,718	\$37,715	\$88,003	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$50,000	\$0	\$50,000
g. Site work	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
h. Demolition and removal	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
i. Construction	\$9,349,257	\$2,804,777	\$6,544,480	\$4,587	\$0	\$4,587	\$2,000,000	\$0	\$2,000,000
j. Equipment	\$3,588,505	\$1,076,552	\$2,511,953	\$2,051,720	\$1,121,773	\$929,947	\$2,151,720	\$1,121,773	\$1,029,947
k. Miscellaneous	\$1,075,249	\$322,575	\$752,674	\$270,910	\$17,921	\$252,989	\$385,910	\$17,921	\$367,989
l. SUBTOTAL (add a through k)	\$16,496,682	\$4,949,086	\$11,547,866	\$2,852,883	\$1,324,439	\$1,528,444	\$5,268,265	\$1,324,439	\$3,943,826
m. Contingencies	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
n. TOTALS (sum of l and m)	\$16,496,682	\$4,949,086	\$11,547,866	\$2,852,883	\$1,324,439	\$1,528,444	\$5,268,265	\$1,324,439	\$3,943,826

2. Program Income: Please provide the program income you listed in your application budget and actuals to date through the end of the reporting period.

a. Application Budget Program Income: \$0	b. Program Income to Date: \$35,239
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