FIRST PERFORMANCE PROGRESS REPORT 2010



1. Recipient Organization (Name and complete address including zip code)	2. Award Identification Number
State of Nebraska	
Dba: Nebraska Library Commission	31-42-B10530
The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Ste 120	
Lincoln, NE 68508-2023	

3. Performance Narrative (Q1)

Please describe your project activities and progress for the first quarter of your award period. 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., equipment purchases, outreach activities, training programs) to help structure your answer. (500 words or less)

- We sent out an official news release about the grant award and blogged about the project on the Nebraska Library Commission web site.
- Staff attended NTIA webinars about BTOP grant requirements.
- We set up accounts for expenditure of grant funds.
- The grant team developed and presented four webinars for all participating libraries to explain the grant and to inform them about the project kickoff event planned for November.
- Staff developed a web site to keep our library partners informed about project activities.
- We contacted each of the directors of the 147 PCC sites to discuss new computer equipment allocations and broadband upgrades being planned for their library.
- Library Commission staff met with a Nebraska State Personnel specialist to establish the correct classifications for employees to be hired for the project.
- Interview questions were developed for each of the three grant-funded positions and these job opportunities were advertised.
- The project team met in person and via conference calls with the organization that is helping us plan a project kickoff event for our grant partners.
- The NLC director met with the State of Nebraska Chief Information Officer and her staff to discuss the project.
- Staff met with program training partners to initiate planning.
- Partner certified matching funds, sent check for one-half to the Commission and paid consultant for pre-application expenses.
- No federal grant funds were expended during the first quarter.

4. Performance Projections (Q2)

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., equipment purchases, outreach activities, training programs) to help structure your answer. (500 words or less)

We are still working on our baseline report; however, the following activities are expected to be completed in Q2. Additional detail will be available in the baseline report.

Overall Project: Interview, select, and hire project staff. Bring new staff up-to-date on project.

Equipment Purchases: Determine amount to be purchased in the first phase

PCCs improved: Determine process for broadband upgrades at 45 libraries

Workstations installed: Needs assessment for phase one installation

Outreach activities: Hold kickoff event

Training programs: Needs assessment for schedule of training

Planned Federal Grant Expenditures: \$17,500 for personnel, fringe benefits, and travel for three grant-funded positions.

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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5b. Signature of Authorized Certifying Official	5e. Date Report Submitted (<i>Month, Day, Year</i>) 10/29/2010	

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