



## FIRST PERFORMANCE PROGRESS REPORT First Quarter 2010

<p>1. Recipient Organization (<i>Name and complete address including zip code</i>)          University of Illinois          506 S Wright Street, 364 Henry Admin Bldg., Urbana, IL 61801-3620 USA</p>	<p>2. Award Identification Number          NT10BIX5570044</p>
<p>3. Performance Narrative (Q1)  <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> <p><b>The first quarter of 2010 was monumental in that we were awarded the BTOP grant, but had very little activity to report in any of any milestone categories. We were announced on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, although our actual 30-day window to accept the grant did not start until March 11<sup>th</sup>. Urbana-Champaign Big Broadband (UC2B) is a consortium comprised of the University of Illinois and the cities of Urbana and Champaign. Since there had been a significant passage of time since the grant was applied for last August, and with the downturn in the economy, both city councils wanted to revisit their financial commitments to the grant before authorizing the University (as the lead agency for the consortium) to accept the grant. Fortunately they both voted overwhelmingly to accept the grant, but unfortunately the last vote was not until April 5<sup>th</sup>. The grant was subsequently officially accepted on April 7<sup>th</sup>. Therefore when the first quarter ended, we had not even accepted the grant. We do have some eligible pre-application expenses to claim, but we will do so on the next quarterly report. Our grants and contracts office has already filed our SF-425 report for the first quarter and it has been accepted.</b></p>	
<p>4. Performance Projections (Q2)  <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> <p><b>The coming quarter will primarily be dedicated to finalizing the design for our fiber conduits and completing the Environmental Assessment. As the conduit design must be finalized before the Environmental Assessment can be completed and accepted, the UC2B's Technical Committee is in the process of reviewing the original fiber design submitted with our application, exploring alternatives and making recommendations to the UC2B Policy Board. The review and subsequent recommendations should be complete by the end of May. Our SAC gives us until July 1<sup>st</sup> to complete the Environmental Assessment. We have engaged a consulting firm to assist us with completing the Environmental Assessment, and plan to have it complete by July 1. We are also in the process of bringing on a part-time employee to assist with the GIS mapping for the Environmental Assessment. Total expenditures on the environmental assessment for the next quarter should be less than \$40,000.</b></p>	
<p><b>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.</b></p>	
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<p>5b. Signature of Authorized Certifying Official  </p>	<p>5e. Date Report Submitted (<i>Month, Day, Year</i>)  <b>4/30/2010</b></p>

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