

FIRST PERFORMANCE PROGRESS REPORT 2010



1. Recipient Organization (<i>Name and complete address including zip code</i>) New York State Department of Labor State Office Campus, Building 12, Room 516 Albany, NY 12240	2. Award Identification Number Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) 36-42-B10532
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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)


The New York State Department of Labor (the Department) became aware of our grant award via a press release on 8/18/10. All grant partners, One-Stop Career Center operators, Workforce Investment Board directors, and Department managers were notified of the award via email on 8/24/10. During the brief time between the signing of the grant award on 9/21/10 and the end of the reporting period, the Department's Division of Employment and Workforce Solutions (the Division) initiated an asset management request to purchase the selected video conferencing equipment as there is in place an Office of General Services contract. This contract allows New York State agencies to purchase Tandberg video conferencing equipment at a reduced rate as outlined in the grant proposal. The Division is working with the Department's Counsel and Finance offices to develop agreements with New York State Energy and Research Development Authority (NYSERDA) and The Training and Education Center for Semiconductor Manufacturing and Alternative and Renewable Technologies (TEC-SMART) for Department-owned equipment (two Scholar educator centers) to be housed in non-Department locations. A separate agreement is also being developed with NYSERDA in order to obtain NYSERDA's cash match.

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)

Our focus in the next quarter is to: train staff on equipment capabilities by a video conferencing demonstration; develop programming and coordinate programming schedules; determine procedures to schedule and reserve conference room space where equipment is located; establish a system/procedures to track participants to meet reporting requirements; notify staff/partners of scheduling/tracking procedures; obtain equipment/cash match agreements from NYSERDA and TEC-SMART; order equipment once all funds are secured; install equipment at the 16 locations outlined in the grant proposal; provide on-site staff training on use of equipment; and widespread outreach efforts via signage at the One-Stop Career Centers, press releases and announcements on several websites (such as www.labor.ny.gov , www.greencareersny.com and local One-Stop/WIB websites) to inform the public of the increased opportunities for statewide programming due to grant and available sites for program participation. As the equipment may not be installed until the end of this quarter, it is unlikely programming will be widely available until the beginning of next year.

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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 (Month, Day, Year) 10/29/10

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