



Monthly Highlights

Twelfth BTOP Quarterly Status Report to Congress: BTOP projects continue to show significant progress in infrastructure construction, anchor institutions linked, public computer center workstations installed, and broadband adoption. The recent Congressional Report provides an updated overview of the program's status as well as activities from the past quarter.

As of December 31, 2011, BTOP recipients reported that they:

- ▶ Deployed or upgraded more than 45,000 miles of broadband infrastructure.
- ▶ Connected or improved service to more than 6,300 community anchor institutions.
- ▶ Installed more than 29,500 workstations in public computer centers.
- ▶ Added more than 260,000 new broadband subscribers.



New BTOP Resources

Every month, this newsletter offers resources to help recipients manage their projects:

- ▶ [Materials from Past Webinars](#) (You must be logged into the Broadband Workshop Wiki to access the presentations and other resources. BTOP recipients can request access via this link.)



DigitalLiteracy.gov Resources

DigitalLiteracy.gov offers resources for learners, instructors, and librarians, including items contributed by BTOP recipients in these areas:

- ▶ [Basic Computing](#)
- ▶ [Internet Basics](#)
- ▶ [Library/Reference](#)
- ▶ [Educator Tools](#)

NTIA encourages BTOP recipients to [contribute](#) resources to DigitalLiteracy.gov.



Broadband News

- ▶ [Building Community Networks in Wisconsin](#)
- ▶ [Supporting Our First Responders' Communication Needs](#)



Recipient Spotlight

Many BTOP projects are helping public libraries to increase access to high-speed Internet, expand digital literacy training, and offer distance learning. For example:



ENMR-Plateau is providing new broadband fiber and connectivity to expand distance education for students at schools and libraries in rural areas of western Texas and eastern New Mexico. Read more [here](#).



The **State of Nebraska** is upgrading technology and enhancing digital literacy training at 147 libraries. Read more [here](#).



The **University of Alaska Fairbanks** has formed partnerships to provide distance learning tools and digital literacy training at libraries and other community facilities across the state. Read more [here](#).



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Upcoming Events

APRIL 4, 2012

Data Analysis and Reporting of Evaluation Findings Webinar

1:00-2:30 p.m. EDT

Click [here](#) to register.

Conference: 1-800-779-9033

Passcode: 6779960

APRIL 18, 2012

Using Evaluation Results for Decision-Making and Mobilizing Support Webinar

1:00-2:30 p.m. EDT

Click [here](#) to register.

Conference: 1-800-619-4610

Passcode: 7698343

MAY 22-24, 2012

Creating Sustainable Broadband Solutions for Communities and Anchor Institutions

This national conference is hosted by NTIA, [U.S. UCAN](#) and [SHLB](#) in Greater Washington, D.C.

Click [here](#) for more information and to register by May 15.



Compliance Tip

Davis-Bacon compliance letters are being delivered to all BTOP recipients to remind them to comply with all terms and conditions of their awards, including the Davis-Bacon Act. Please follow up with your FPO if you have any questions.



Send Us Your Ideas

NTIA welcomes project updates, recipient news stories, and best practices to highlight in this newsletter and other communications. Next month, NTIA will focus on BTOP projects that are providing high-speed Internet to hospitals and health facilities as well as training to improve health care. If you have project activities, events, or best practices related to this topic or other potential topics, please send the information as soon as possible to your FPO and btop@ntia.doc.gov.