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**ADVANCED COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY WORK GROUP (ACS)**

Lead Organization: Great Valley Center

ACTIONS	STATUS		2010 2nd QUARTER (Apr 1 - Jun 30)
<b>Goal 1: Expedite the provision of advanced communications services (ACS) access in all areas of the San Joaquin Valley.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>Objective A: Raise the profile of access to ACS as a fundamental and necessary service for all residents and businesses.</b>	W	IP	WIA funding in three locations, Delano, Pixley & Stockton
Task 1- Convene stakeholders and experts group as the Advanced Communications Services Work Group.		IP	Quarterly ACS meetings
<del>Task 2- Work with state agencies to develop an action plan for implementing the Governor's Executive Order to include barriers, strategies, and indicators for progress.</del>			Discontinued
Task 3- Vet the concept of a Regional Advanced Communication Office (RASCO) and come to Work Group consensus.		NP	Not feasible at this time
Task 4- Oversee state agencies and Work Group development of topic areas list for indicators report, which would be produced following the 30-month time line at the end of year three.			Discontinued
<b>Objective B: Inform local elected officials about the benefits of ubiquitous access to ACS and provide model policies and other tools to help facilitate deployment.</b>		IP	Ideas for toolkit presented to group
Task 1- In conjunction with PUC, local government organizations, and state agencies, develop a primer document for elected officials by synthesizing and augmenting existing primers to be approved by the work group.		IP	Terms selected
Task 2-Develop list of partner organizations for discussions of steps in years three and beyond.		NP	
<b>Objective C: Identify communities and neighborhoods without affordable connections to delivery of ACS.</b>		C	Completed with California Broadband Report
Task 1- Work with the PUC and others to develop a directory of the ACS service providers in the Central Valley for the purpose of identifying underserved communities.		IP	
Task 2- Work with the PUC to determine how to survey service providers to garner information on costs and service provision. Work with PUC to develop base map of available infrastructure and access costs.		IP	
<b>Objective D: Increase availability of affordable ACS in rural and other underserved areas.</b>		C	Access rates over 95%
Task 1- Develop matrix showing the areas where coverage does not appear available per the coverage data supplied by the main providers.		C	Identified through California Broadband Report
Task 2- Work with appropriate state agencies and Work Group to identify incentives a Technology Opportunity Zone could provide and how it could be implemented.		IP	

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Task 3- Work with CPUC, CSAC, LCC, CSBA providers, stakeholders and Work Group, to develop action plan for increasing availability of affordable ACS in rural and underserved areas.	IP	First application with CETF denied application now pending with CENIC.
<b>Objective E: Increase deployment of ACS by current and prospective service providers.</b>	IP	
Task 1- Invite representatives of CPUC, CSAC, LCC, CSBA, providers and stakeholders to determine initial strategies for implementation of ACS Action Plan referenced in Objective D.	IP	Invitation for stakeholders at next ACS meeting August 2010.
<del>Objective F: Increase deployment through wired, fixed wireless, wireless and other available technologies.</del>		Discontinued
<del>Task 1 Provide opportunities for presentations by affected parties on regulatory barriers to implementing emerging technologies. Work with CPUC to identify strategies for reducing these barriers.</del>		Discontinued
<del>Objective G: Eliminate installation barriers that discourage deployment.</del>		Discontinued
<del>Task 1 Initiate this work in conjunction with Objective F.</del>		Discontinued
<b>Objective H: Identify and seek all available funding for deployment of ACS.</b>	IP	Application for funding with CETF denied, current application for ARRA funding with CENIC pending. Grant with WIA approved for three sites Stockton, Delano and Pixley.
Task 1- Develop a list of potentially applicable funding sources and identify the most promising through the Work Group process.	IP	Continuous conversations regarding possible funding at all workgroup meetings.
Task 2- Utilizing Work Group and state agency resources, solicit legislative assistance for eliminating restrictions on the Rural Telecommunications Infrastructure grant program.	IP	
<del>Objective I: Leverage unused bandwidth for the benefit of the greatest number of users.</del>		Discontinued
<del>Task 1 Convene representatives of CENIC and Broadband Institute of California to discuss the feasibility of a best practices guidebook. Identify funding for such a guidebook.</del>		Discontinued
<del>Task 2= Convene this same group to meet with Federal Communications Commission staff to discuss unused bandwidth.</del>		Discontinued
<del>Objective J: Incorporate ACS infrastructure into all new residential and commercial construction.</del>		Discontinued
<del>Task 1 Begin discussions with California Building Industry Association in regard to incorporating ACS into new construction.</del>		Discontinued
<del>Task 2 Initiate Work Group draft model policies and ordinances based upon above discussions.</del>		Discontinued
<del>Task 3 Facilitate BTH and HUD meetings regarding integration ACS into affordable housing programs.</del>		Discontinued

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<b>Goal 2: Promote accessibility and utilization of ACS in targeted underserved communities and populations.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>Objective A: Increase utilization of ACS by all residents.</b>	W	IP	Funding secured to increase utilization of ACS by residents in the targeted communities of Pixley, Delano and Stockton. Efforts were made to expand services in the North State Colusa specifically in collaboration with AT&T.
Task 1- Work with CPUC, state agencies and the California Emerging Technology Fund (CETF) to explore opportunities for cooperation and joint ventures to expand accessibility to underserved communities.		IP	Application with CETF denied. Attended CETF conference to understand California's funding with ARRA.
Task 2- Explore avenues and partnerships for funding solicitation and project implementation. Capture in Action Plan.		IP	
Task 3- Evaluate Pixley Connect project as a model for other communities.		C	Program evaluation completed; model for expansion in place
<b>Objective B: Inform local elected officials about the importance and benefit of access to ACS and IT for all residents and businesses.</b>		IP	Goal of the primer
Task 1- Expand upon primer listed in Goal 1, Objective B.		IP	
Task 2- Expand list of partner organizations for discussions of steps in years three and beyond.		IP	
<b>Objective C: Implement projects to provide access to ACS and IT for all residents and businesses to provide access to ACS and IT for all residents and businesses to eliminate the digital divide.</b>		IP	Applications to provide access to ACS through stimulus funding
In addition to activities listed in Goal 1, Objective D; incorporate discussions with CETF and other potential funders regarding a process to invite proposals.		IP	SB 1040 & SB 1462 passed out of Assm Util & Comm committee on June 14th thanks to Letters of Support.
<del><b>Objective D: Develop and implement a program to ensure all high school students graduate with basic computer literacy skills.</b></del>			Discontinued
<del>Engage PreK-12 Education Work Group in discussions leading to identification of task force to begin this work.</del>			Discontinued
<del>Work with PreK-12 Education Work Group to monitor progress on development of curriculum and implementation plan.</del>			Discontinued
<del><b>Objective E: Expand the number of public locations for access to ACS to help disadvantaged residents and businesses to bridge the digital divide.</b></del>			Discontinued
<del>Work with CPUC to identify needed amendments to existing statutes, regulations and funding programs to address obstacles. In conjunction with CPUC, develop report.</del>			Discontinued

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Identify appropriate routes and champions for seeking amendments			Discontinued
<b>Goal 3: Expand and replicate successful model programs to increase access to ACS and IT to bridge the digital divide.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	W	Pixley Connect expansion approved with grant from WIA, application with CETF for stimulus funding denied
<b>Objective A: Develop and implement a plan to expand and replicate the most successful strategies and programs to bridge the digital divide.</b>		IP	Replication of Pixley Connect program in Delano, Stockton and continuing in Pixley, working with Stanislaus County T3 program to replicated their successful strategies.
Refer to above related activities			
<b>Objective B: Foster demand for ACS access in underserved and disadvantaged communities, such as encouraging economic development and growth of home-based businesses.</b>		IP	Pixley Connect now focusing on economic development
All activities above will be in support of this goal but outcomes will be outside of the 30-month timeframe.			
<del><b>Goal 4: Accelerate deployment of ACS infrastructure through telemedicine and eHealth technology.</b></del>			Discontinued
<del><b>Objective A: Develop and implement a telemedicine and eHealth plan to connect health clinics with medical centers.</b></del>			Discontinued
Work with Health and Human Services Work Group to Convene CA Telemedicine and eHealth Center, CETF, BTH, HHS and stakeholders to develop plan for model project		C	
<del>Work with Health and Human Services Work Group to engage partners above in developing plan for implementing Electronic Health records.</del>			Discontinued
<b>Objective B: Build upon ACS infrastructure for telemedicine and eHealth to promote other applications for education and economic development to increase access and affordability.</b>		IP	
Ensure opportunities are provided for CENIC and EDCs to participate in above activities.		IP	
<b>Challenges/Problems/Bottlenecks/Feedback encountered during the quarter</b>			
<b>New funds leveraged during the quarter.</b>			