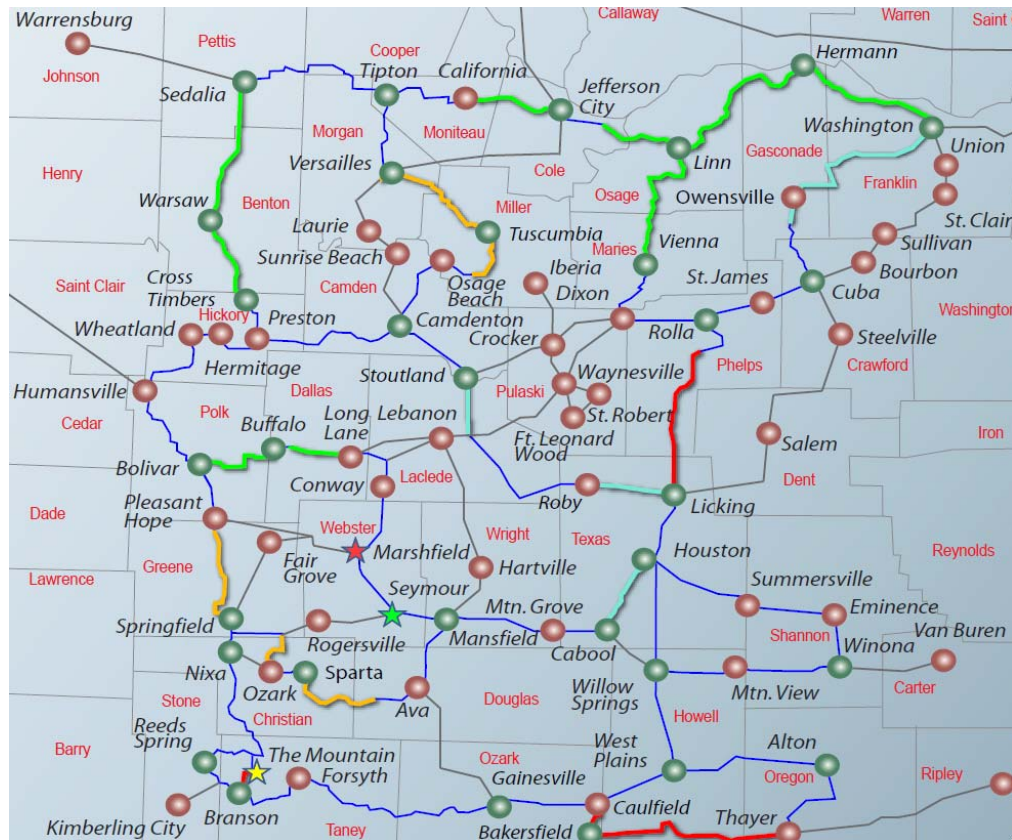


Project Update

Welcome to our Weekly Updates

January 17, 2011

First, let me thank you for your interest in the Sho-Me MO project. We are excited to be chosen for this opportunity and we do intend to keep the citizens of Missouri informed of our progress. This is our first weekly update and we plan to send out updates similar to this one every week. The information will vary over time. Currently, we are in the planning stages; in April we will begin construction; and hopefully in October of 2011, you will find us completing our first phase. The second, third, and fourth phases should be completed by 2014. Below, you will find our proposed map with the first phase routes highlighted in green. We welcome any questions, concerns, or update requests.



- Proposed Point of Presence
- Existing Point of Presence
- ★ The Mountain Complex
- ★ Sho-Me Technologies NOC
- ★ Sho-Me Technologies Back-up NOC
- Phase One
- Phase Two
- Phase Three
- Phase Four
- Existing In-Kind Fiber
- Existing Sho-Me Technologies Network

Environmental Assessment

The Sho-Me MO project involves construction of approximately 500 miles of fiber and will allow Sho-Me Technologies to connect at least 100 Community Anchor Institutions (CAIs). Any project of this size requires a great deal of planning before construction may begin. One of the first requirements for this project is to complete an environmental assessment. Currently, Sho-Me is working with an environmental consultant and is expecting to see a draft of their assessment this week. Once the draft is received, we will submit it to the National Telecommunication and Information Administration (NTIA) for their review. A final document must be submitted and approved prior to the beginning of construction. We are also working on Land Disturbance permits for areas where construction is planned for the new network, including Points of Presence (POPs) and CAI locations



Calendar of Events

March 16 -17

MOREnet Spring Conference
Come visit us and learn more about the Sho-Me MO project and how it will impact your school district.



Request For Proposals

The Sho-Me Technologies website is constantly being updated with various Sho-Me news. A new feature of the site, which will be implemented within the next week, is a page dedicated specifically to the Sho-Me MO project. Here, you will be able to find a project summary, updates, a calendar of events and other information related to the project. Also on this page will be a list of open Request for Proposals (RFP). The first RFP, which is for DWDM and Ethernet equipment, is expected to be released by the end of the month. The process will allow one week for questions and bids will be due a couple weeks after the release. It is anticipated that we will have an early February award date. Please check the Sho-Me Technologies [website](#) for more information.

Check Out Our Website! www.shometech.com

Sho-Me Mo: The Next Leap

Since September, upon receiving notification that Sho-Me was selected to receive funding from the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA), the company has started taking big steps to make this new network a reality. Many things have taken place since the announcement was made, from finalizing the route to establishing Community Anchor Institutes, to an environmental assessment of the project.

[Click here](#) to read the full article.

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