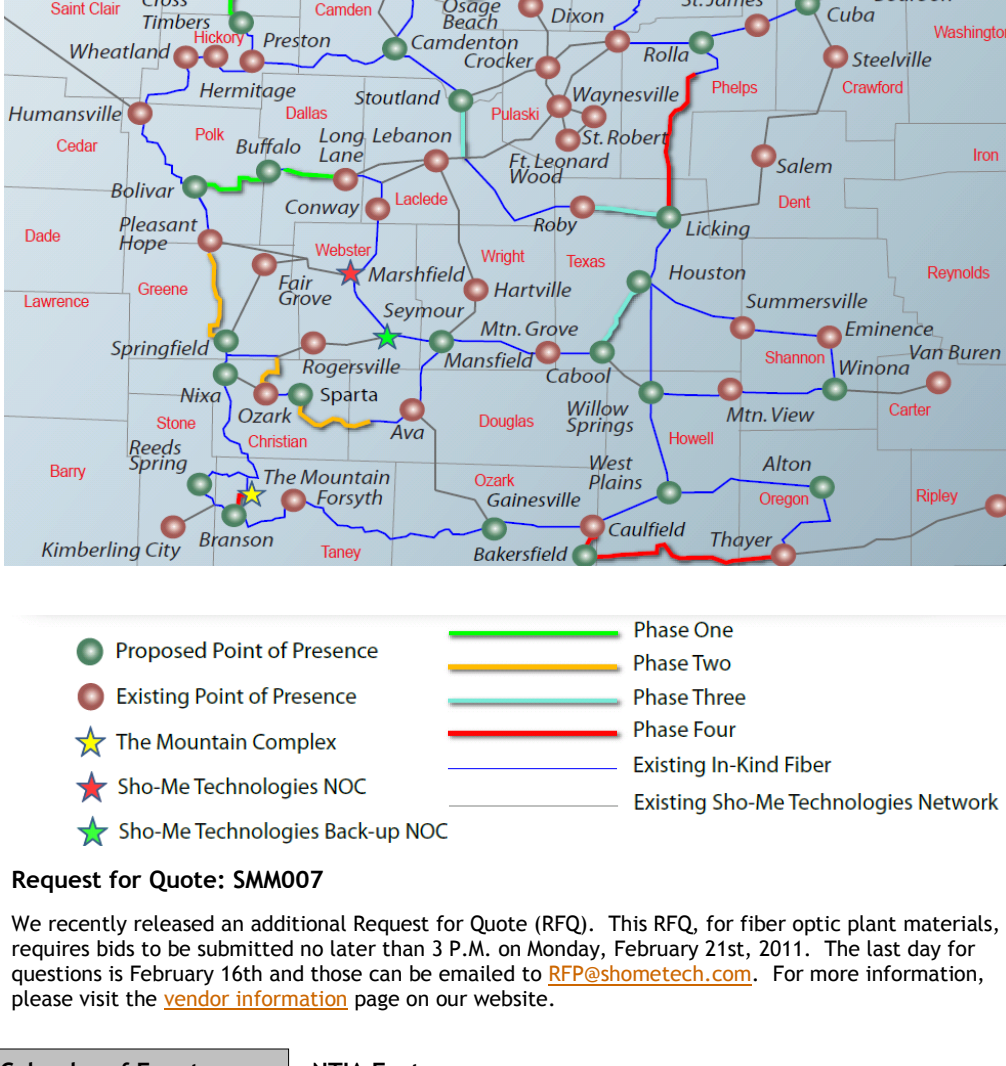


## Project Update

Weekly Update

February 14, 2011

Over the past week, we released a new bid for fiber optic plant materials, submitted additional forms to the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), and started the process of reviewing previously submitted bids. Our marketing team held meetings with various city councils to discuss the project and the opportunities it can bring to their communities. Below, you will find facts about the NTIA, the program that is approving and funding our project, as well as more details and links regarding the new bid that was released last week. Please let us know if you have any questions or comments about the project.



**Request for Quote: SMM007**

We recently released an additional Request for Quote (RFQ). This RFQ, for fiber optic plant materials, requires bids to be submitted no later than 3 P.M. on Monday, February 21st, 2011. The last day for questions is February 16th and those can be emailed to [RFP@shometech.com](mailto:RFP@shometech.com). For more information, please visit the [vendor information](#) page on our website.

### Calendar of Events

- February 15, 2011**  
**RFP SMM005 Closing**  
This RFP is for Fiber Optic Cable. Bids are due by 10 A.M. CST.
- February 18, 2011**  
**RFP SMM003 Closing**  
This RFP is requesting bids for network appraisal. Bids are due by 3 P.M. CST.
- February 21, 2011**  
**RFP SMM007 Closing**  
This RFP is requesting bids for fiber optic plant material. Bids are due by 3 P.M. CST.
- March 16 -17, 2011**  
**MOREnet Spring Conference**  
Come visit us and learn more about the Sho-Me MO project and how it will impact your school district.

### NTIA Facts

One entity that we have frequent contact with regarding the Sho-Me MO project is the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA). We work with the NTIA to ensure we are meeting all of the guidelines and conditions set forth in the grant we received. Their organization is part of the U.S. Department of Commerce, serving the executive branch of government and advising the President on issues relating to telecommunication and information policies. This group helps manage federally funded projects that are using the appropriated \$4.7 billion dollars.

A few quick facts about the NTIA:

- NTIA was formed in 1978
- The agency employs approximately 280 people
- The agency is involved with many different aspect of the telecommunication field including community network applications, domestic policy, and spectrum management, as well as research and engineering
- The NTIA not only oversees the domestic and international telecommunication policy, they also manage Federal use of the spectrum and telecommunication grants. In addition, they perform cutting-edge research and engineering to improve telecommunications for both the government and the private sector

For more information, please visit the [NTIA](#) website.

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### Tower Collocations

One service that Sho-Me Technologies offers that many are not aware of is tower collocation. Our array of towers spans across south central Missouri and provides opportunities along major highways, in small communities, and even in very rural settings. These towers are now a wonderful resource for wireless internet service providers and cellular providers, among many others.

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