



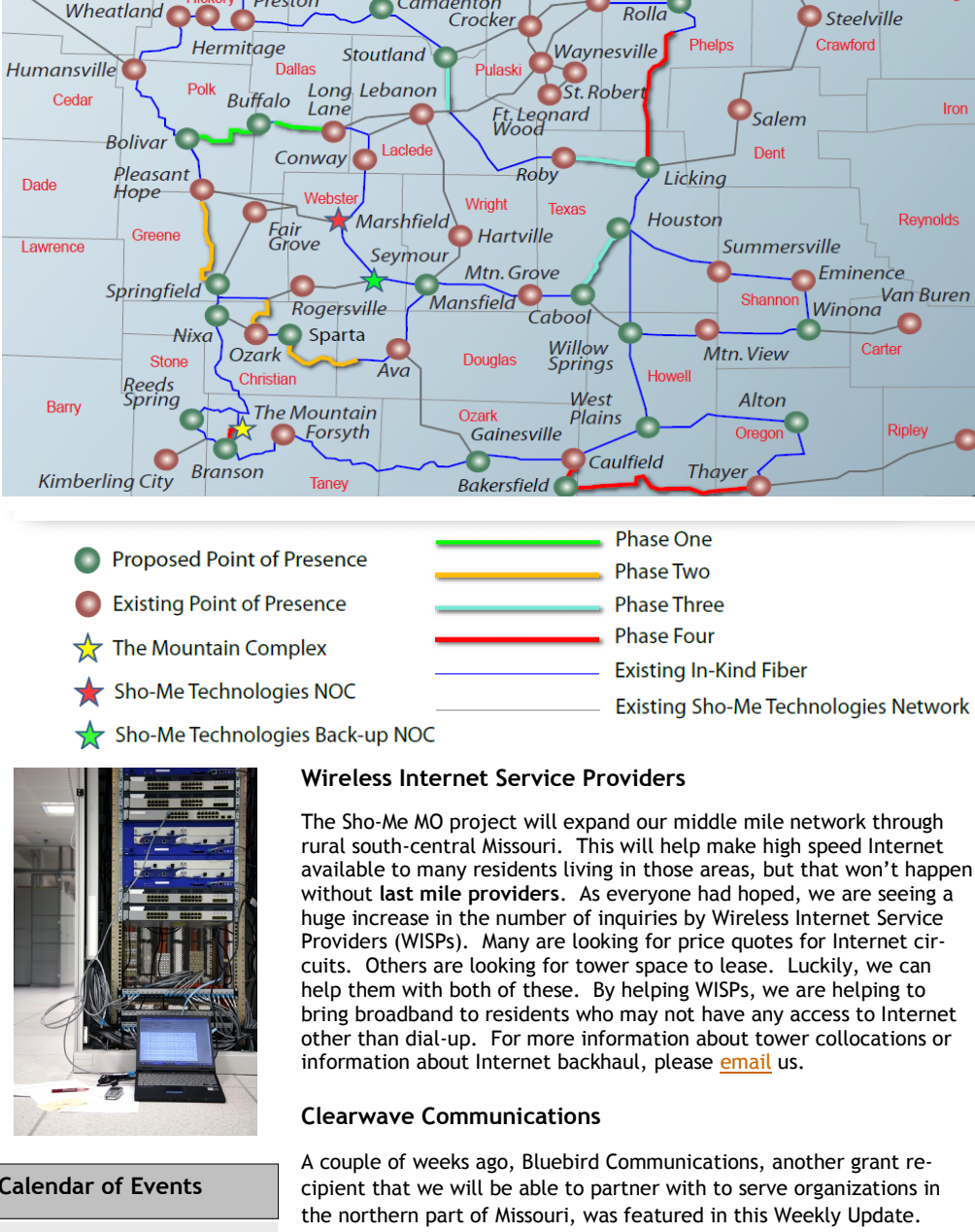
## Project Update

Weekly Update

February 21, 2011

This week finds our Engineering crew continuing to work on Phase I routes, as well as initiating work on phases 2, 3, and 4. Our team is also working to secure Point of Presence (POP) locations within the new communities in which we are building. Our environmental assessments are still in review. We look forward to hearing back from the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) regarding our plan and we hope to receive a FONSI, which stands for a "Finding of No Significance Impact" in the next couple of weeks.

Below, please find information about Wireless Internet Service Providers and how our project is creating new opportunities, as well as information about Clearwave, who is working on a federally funded project in a neighboring state. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please do not hesitate to let us know.



### Wireless Internet Service Providers

The Sho-Me MO project will expand our middle mile network through rural south-central Missouri. This will help make high speed Internet available to many residents living in those areas, but that won't happen without **last mile providers**. As everyone had hoped, we are seeing a huge increase in the number of inquiries for Wireless Internet Service Providers (WISPs). Many are looking for price quotes for Internet circuits. Others are looking for lower space to lease. Luckily, we can help them with both of these. By helping WISPs, we are helping to bring broadband to residents who may not have any access to Internet other than dial-up. For more information about tower collocations or information about Internet backhaul, please [email](#) us.

### Clearwave Communications

A couple of weeks ago, Bluebird Communications, another grant recipient that we will be able to partner with to serve organizations in the northern part of Missouri, was featured in this Weekly Update. This week we would like to introduce Clearwave Communications. Clearwave is a phone and Internet service provider that serves Southern Illinois. They have been in business since 1996 and they offer both residential and commercial telecommunications solutions.

Clearwave is a federal grant recipient whose project could benefit Missourians. They are building their network into the city of St. Louis to locate in a large telecommunication data center. This facility, the Valley Building, is a location in which Sho-Me is also located. This will allow us to interconnect with Clearwave and offer solutions for businesses that need to get from Missouri to southern Illinois. An additional benefit is that circuits running across either Clearwave's or Sho-Me's federally funded network will have discounted pricing rates, which allow for some great opportunities. For more information about this company and the project they are completing, please visit the [Clearwave website](#).

### Calendar of Events

**February 21, 2011**  
**RFP SMM007 Closing**  
 This RFP is requesting bids for fiber optic plant material. Bids are due by 10 A.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.

Check Out Our Website! [www.shometech.com](http://www.shometech.com)

### Attention School Leaders!!!

It's that time of year again. Time to verify that your Form 470 has been filed with the Universal Services Administration Company (USAC). The Form 470, due by February 24, 2011, is the first submission a school makes to the USAC organization for request of funding. The Form 470 is the step that opens up the bidding process and allows vendors, such as Sho-Me to bid on your district's technology opportunities.

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



To remove your name from our mailing list, please [click here](#).

Questions or comments? [Email](#) us or call (417) 859-3358



[www.shometech.com](http://www.shometech.com)

