

Project Update

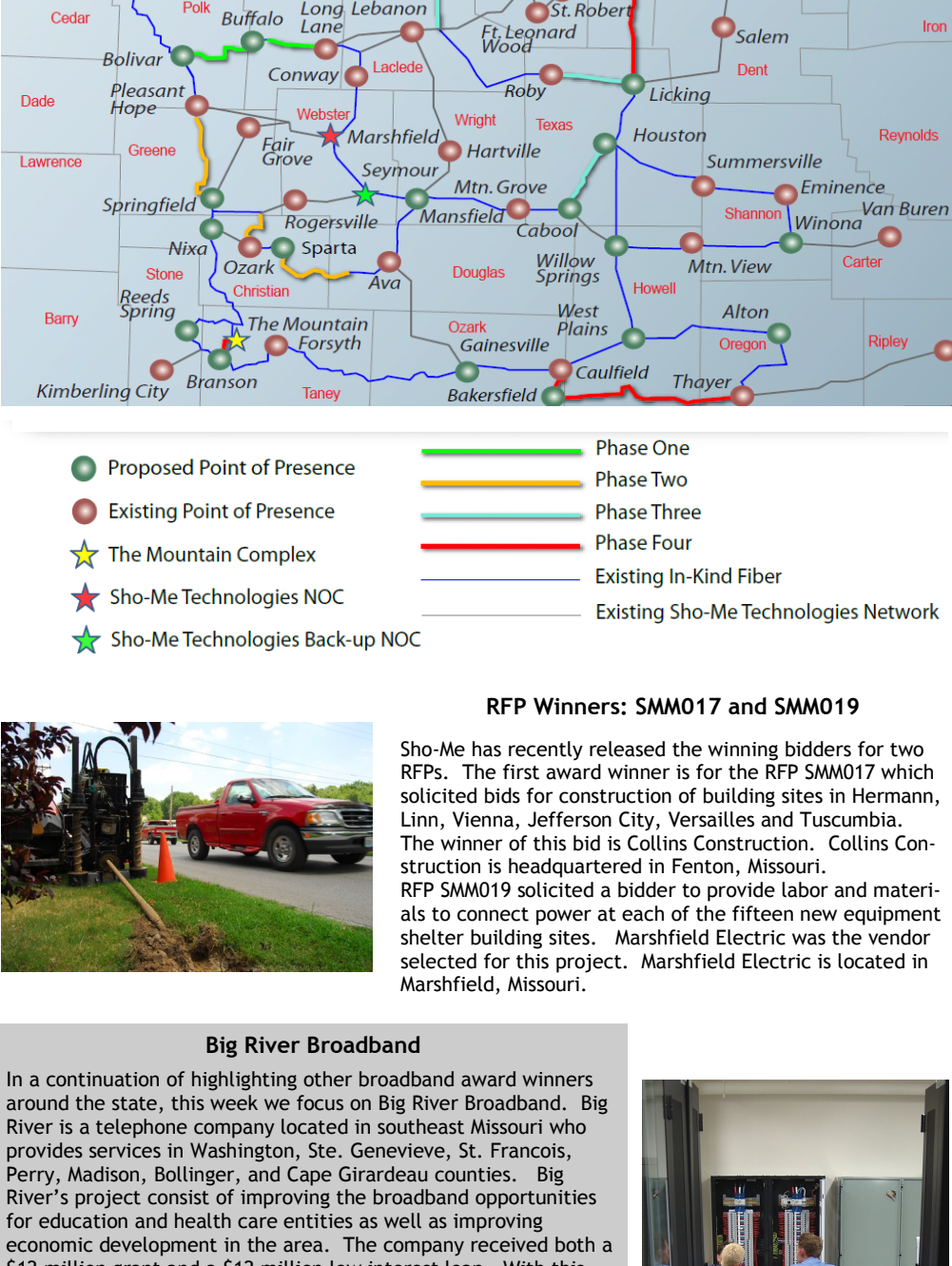
Weekly Update

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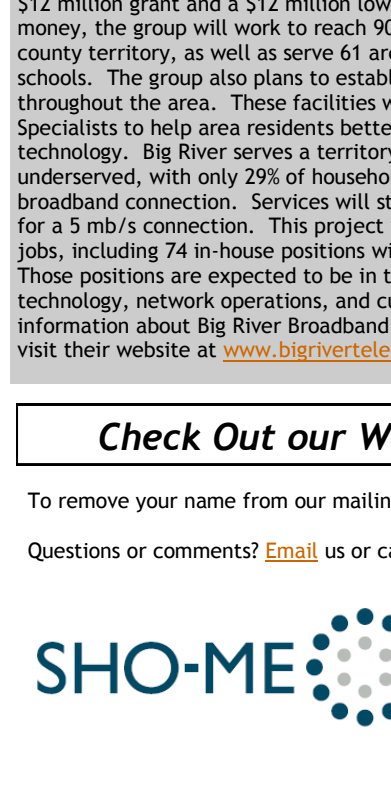
This week's construction update is as follow:

- Sedalia to Cross Timbers: 54 miles of the 54 mile innerduct installation is complete.
- Jefferson City to California: 19 miles of the 39 miles of construction is complete
- Vienna to Linn to Hermann: 27.4 miles of the 70 mile build is complete

As you can see above, our contractors have completed the innerduct on the Sedalia to Cross Timber route. However, we received word this past week that the fiber optic cables to fill these routes will not be delivered until early 2012. Fortunately, we have an existing network that is allowing us to complete circuits for a handful of our Community Anchor Institutions (CAI). Two of the CAIs that we are currently working on are the Otterville School District and the Katy Trail Community Health Center. Another aspect of the project that we have our crews working on is the setting of our 15 "open access" Point of Presence buildings (POPs). Last week we highlighted the completion of the Stoutland POP. We are currently working on the POPs in Alton and Winona. For more information or to pose a question, please email us at marketing@shometech.com.



RFP Winners: SMM017 and SMM019



Sho-Me has recently released the winning bidders for two RFPs. The first award winner is for the RFP SMM017 which solicited bids for construction of building sites in Hermann, Linn, Vienna, Jefferson City, Versailles and Tuscumbia. The winner of this bid is Collins Construction. Collins Construction is headquartered in Fenton, Missouri. RFP SMM019 solicited a bidder to provide labor and materials to connect power at each of the fifteen new equipment shelter building sites. Marshfield Electric was the vendor selected for this project. Marshfield Electric is located in Marshfield, Missouri.

Big River Broadband

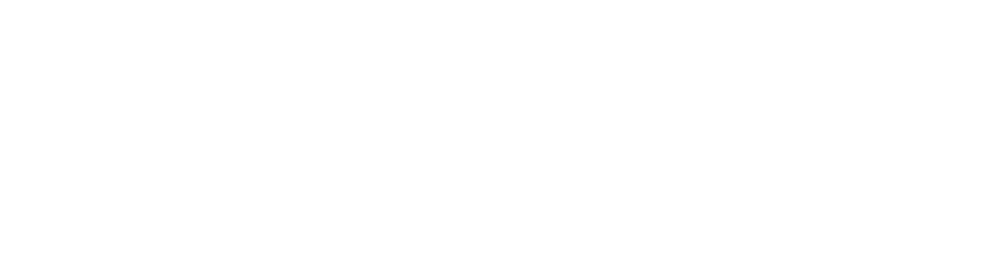
In a continuation of highlighting other broadband award winners around the state, this week we focus on Big River Broadband. Big River is a telephone company located in southeast Missouri who provides services in Washington, Ste. Genevieve, St. Francois, Perry, Madison, Bollinger, and Cape Girardeau counties. Big River's project consist of improving the broadband opportunities for education and health care entities as well as improving economic development in the area. The company received both a \$12 million grant and a \$12 million low interest loan. With this money, the group will work to reach 90% of the homes in this 7 county territory, as well as serve 61 area elementary and high schools. The group also plans to establish seven Solution Centers throughout the area. These facilities will be equipped with IT Specialists to help area residents better understand the new technology. Big River serves a territory that is considered underserved, with only 29% of households currently utilizing a broadband connection. Services will start around \$14.00 a month for a 5 mb/s connection. This project will create 1,300 additional jobs, including 74 in-house positions with Big River Broadband. Those positions are expected to be in the fields of information technology, network operations, and customer service. For more information about Big River Broadband and their project plans, visit their website at www.bigrivertelephone.com.



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