

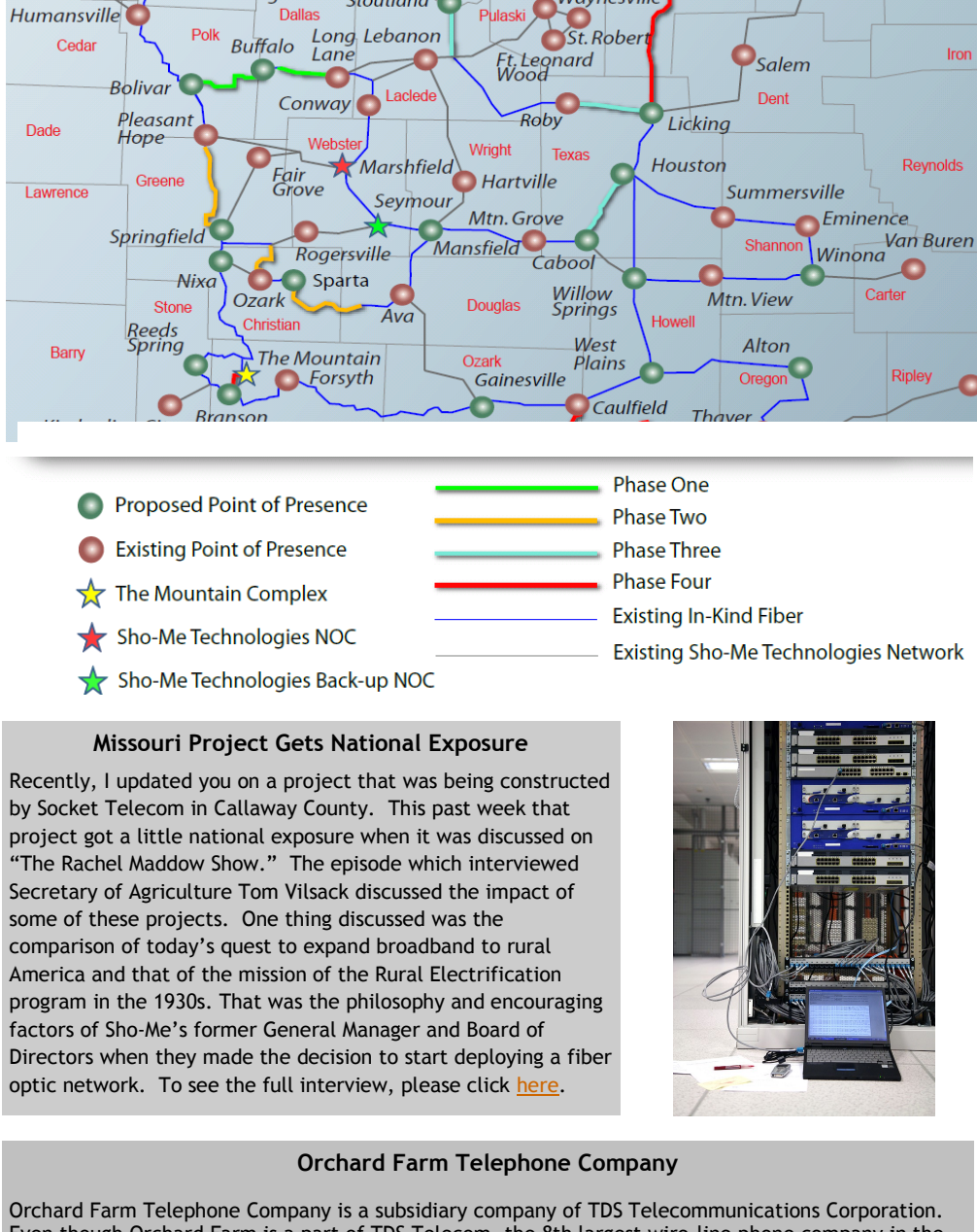
Project Update

Weekly Update

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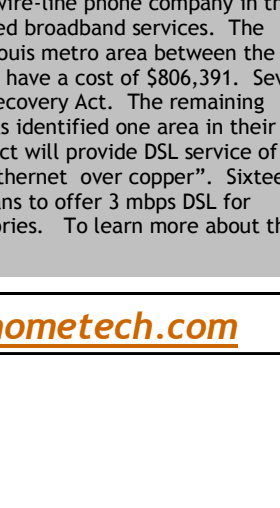
This week's construction updates are as follow:

- Jefferson City to California: 33.8 miles of the 39 miles of innerduct construction are complete
 - Vienna to Linn to Hermann: 58.5 miles of the 70 mile build are complete
- This past week, we completed a new telecommunication shelter. We finished work on a site in Vienna and anticipate the completion of two additional sites in Reeds Spring and Tuscumbia this coming week. Once these sites are complete, we will have 14 of the 15 Point of Presence (POPs) complete. The remaining site is in Nixa and we are still working out the details on where that site will be located. We also finished work and turned up a circuit to another Community Anchor Institute (CAI). While our stimulus network is not complete, a Jefferson City Medical Group clinic in Jefferson City has been finished and the circuits will run on our existing network temporarily until the fiber is complete. We did receive another shipment of fiber this past week. Approximately 50,000 of underground fiber optic cabling came into our warehouse. This fiber will be used on our backbone network. We still are preparing for the aerial fiber to arrive and this is not expected until February of 2012. Below are a couple of stories about other projects taking place around the state. For more information, please let us know.



Missouri Project Gets National Exposure

Recently, I updated you on a project that was being constructed by Socket Telecom in Callaway County. This past week that project got a little national exposure when it was discussed on "The Rachel Maddow Show." The episode which interviewed Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack discussed the impact of some of these projects. One thing discussed was the comparison of today's quest to expand broadband to rural America and that of the mission of the Rural Electrification program in the 1930s. That was the philosophy and encouraging factors of Sho-Me's former General Manager and Board of Directors when they made the decision to start deploying a fiber optic network. To see the full interview, please click [here](#).



Orchard Farm Telephone Company

Orchard Farm Telephone Company is a subsidiary company of TDS Telecommunications Corporation. Even though Orchard Farm is a part of TDS Telecom, the 8th largest wire-line phone company in the United States, they still face several challenges in providing high speed broadband services. The territory that Orchard Farm serves is the rural area north of the St. Louis metro area between the Missouri River and the Illinois state line. The project is anticipated to have a cost of \$806,391. Seventy-five percent of that cost will come from a grant awarded by the Recovery Act. The remaining twenty-five percent will be via private investment. The company has identified one area in their service territory that has no broadband services available. The project will provide DSL service of up to 20 mbps into the 142 premises in the area using the technology of "Ethernet over copper". Sixteen additional jobs will be added to build the network. Orchard Farm plans to offer 3 mbps DSL for \$49.95 which is the same rate offered in their more populated territories. To learn more about the offering and plans, visit the TDS website by clicking [here](#).

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