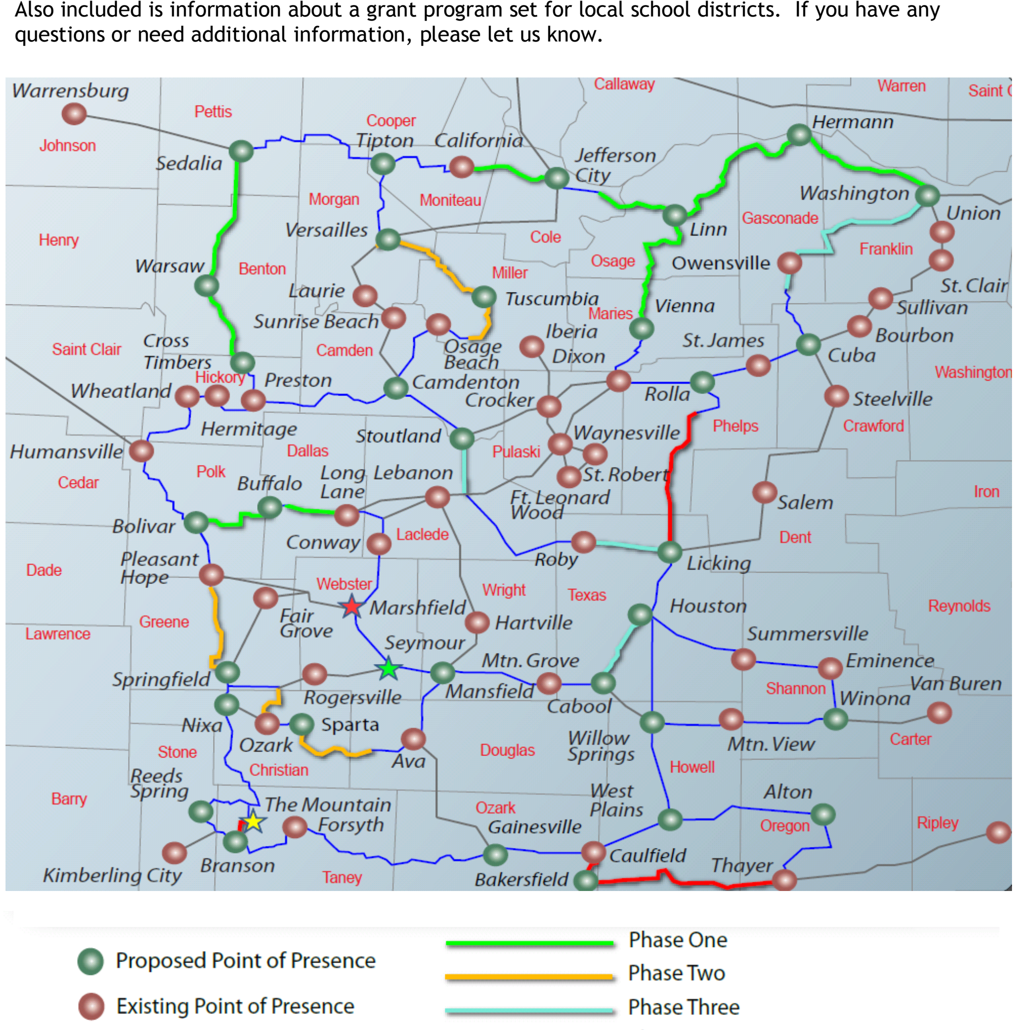
Project Update

Weekly Update February 20, 2012

This week's construction updates are as follows:

- Sedalia to Cross Timbers: All 54 miles of innerduct and fiber have been installed with the exception of 1000 feet at the Warsaw bridge
- Jefferson City to California: 39 miles of the 39 mile innerduct installation is complete and 38 miles of fiber optics have been blown into the innerduct
- Vienna to Linn to Hermann: 70 miles of the 70 mile build of innerduct is complete with 4.73 miles of fiber blowing complete
- Hermann to Washington to Bem: approximately 4.63 miles of innerduct has been installed

Below please find information about a new broadband technology that might not see the light of day. Also included is information about a grant program set for local school districts. If you have any questions or need additional information, please let us know.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Existing In-Kind Fiber
Existing Sho-Me Technologies Network

Lightsquared Plans Squelched

A recent proposal to add another carrier to the Internet realm ended last week when the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) concluded that the new technology would cause interference with existing GPS technologies. Lightsquared, the company hoping to deploy this new technology, has launched the satellites needed for this project and was hoping to debut their wholesale-only service within a short time. After recent studies, it was determined that this technology which uses satellite/terrestrial communications would interfere with GPS systems that use neighboring radio bands. While this decision could be fatal for this organization, officials with Lightsquared are committed to finding a compromise stating that they would continue to negotiate a solution. To learn more about this project, click here to visit the companies website or click here to see a short video by the Associated Press.

Rural Schools Partnership Grant Opportunity

The Community Foundation of the Ozarks has put a call out encouraging local rural education partners to consider applying for a grant to fund place-based educational programs. The Louis L. and Julia Dorothy Coover Charitable Foundation Place-Based Education Grantmaking Program of Commerce Trust will provide $102,500 in support this year, with the typical award amount ranging between $10,000 and $20,000. For more information about this grant opportunity or to learn more about the Community Foundation of the Ozarks and the Rural Schools Partnership, please visit www.cfozarks.org or www.ruralschoolspartnership.org/grants.

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