



## Project Update

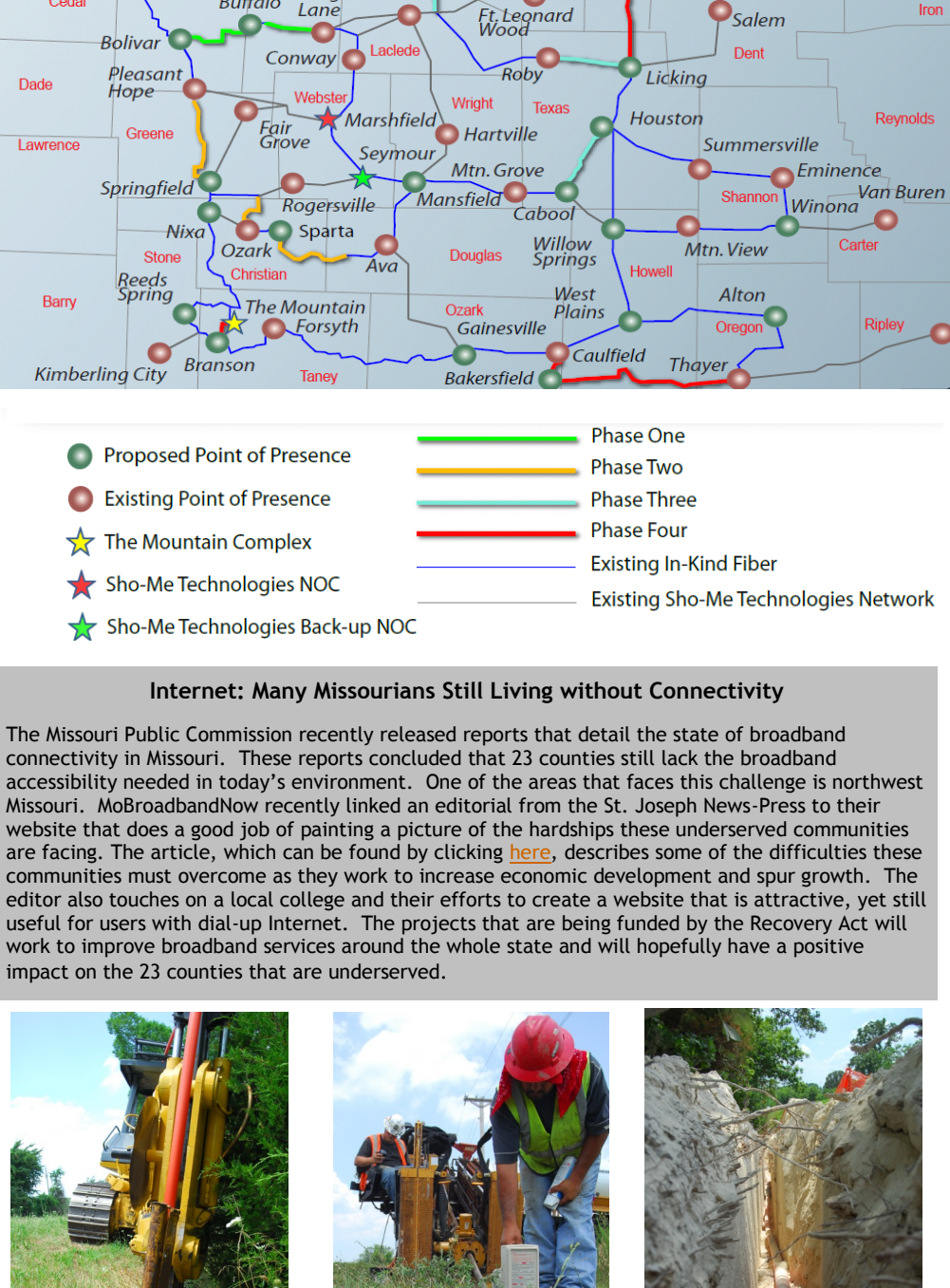
Weekly Update

February 6, 2012

This week's construction updates are as follows:

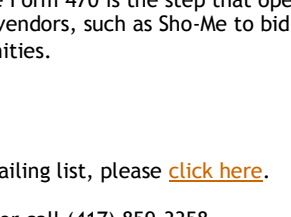
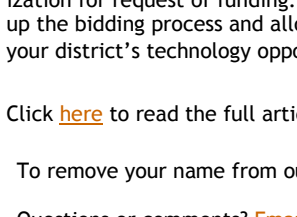
- Sedalia to Cross Timbers: All 54 miles of innerduct and fiber have been installed with the exception of 1000 feet at the Warsaw bridge
- Jefferson City to California: 39 miles of the 39 mile innerduct installation is complete and 38 miles of fiber optics have been blown into the innerduct
- Vienna to Linn to Hermann: 70 miles of the 70 mile build of innerduct is complete with 12 miles of fiber blowing complete
- Hermann to Washington to Bem: approximately 3 miles of innerduct has been installed

Sho-Me is still working on Phase II construction plans and we look forward to releasing additional bid opportunities in the coming weeks. Below is a post that discusses the lack of broadband connectivity in parts of Missouri. The post also links to an editorial from the local paper in St. Joseph, MO that discusses the limitations in that part of the state. Also below is a link to the Sho-Me Technologies website. The Universal Services Administration Company, better known as the E-Rate program, funds a lot of technology and telecommunication projects related to education. This funding requires schools to apply for the funds and these requirements come with deadlines. The first round of deadlines is quickly approaching. Let us know if you have any questions or need additional information.



### Internet: Many Missourians Still Living without Connectivity

The Missouri Public Commission recently released reports that detail the state of broadband accessibility in Missouri. These reports concluded that 23 counties still lack the broadband accessibility needed in today's environment. One of the areas that faces this challenge is northwest Missouri. MoBroadbandNow recently linked an editorial from the St. Joseph News-Press to their website that does a good job of painting a picture of the hardships these underserved communities are facing. The article, which can be found by clicking [here](#), describes some of the difficulties these communities must overcome as they work to increase economic development and spur growth. The editor also touches on a local college and their efforts to create a website that is attractive, yet still useful for users with dial-up internet. The projects that are being funded by the Recovery Act will work to improve broadband services around the whole state and will hopefully have a positive impact on the 23 counties that are underserved.



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#### 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 last day to file your Form 470 is February 21, 2012. This 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.



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