

March 18, 2010

To: Grant Review Committee Re: Sho-Me Technologies

BlueBird Media is applying for federal funding to construct an ultra-high capacity middle mile network throughout underserved and disadvantaged areas in Central and North Missouri. Our goal is provide next generation bandwidth speeds at economically competitive prices. To make this possible, BlueBird is seeking assistance through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, and the RUS Broadband Initiatives Program.

It has come to our attention that Sho-Me Technologies is applying for federal funding to develop a similar network directly south of our proposed service area. We have developed a piering network interconnection agreement with Sho-Me Technologies for connections at Washington and Sedalia, Missouri. We are excited to work together to lower operating costs, and substantially increase broadband access to our users. We actively support Sho-Me Technologies plan, and request that your consideration be given to funding this much needed project.

BlueBird Media, along with Sho-Me Technologies, are committed to expanding broadband infrastructure and high-speed internet access throughout underserved areas of Missouri. We believe that our plans to increase Broadband Internet access will benefit the citizens, businesses, and the State of Missouri. We also believe that these high-speed internet networks will allow the citizens of the State to compete in the global electronic age like never before, creating jobs, and building a better economic future.

Sincerely,

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March 23, 2010

Office of Telecommunications Information Applications

National Telecommunications and Information Administration U.S. Department of commerce (DOC) 1401 Constitution Avenue Washington, D.C. 20230

RE: Sho-Mo-Technologies

Dear NTIA:

As a fellow applicant for BTOP funding, we are pleased to endorse the application of Sho-Mo-Technologies (Easy Grant #4521, Project Title: MoBroadbandNow "Sho-Me MO" Middle Mile Project) who is seeking assistance through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, and the RUS Broadband Initiatives Program.

We have come to know Sho-Mo-Technologies while working alongside the State of Missouri toward a common goal to expand broadband communications services and infrastructure, to advance the objectives of the Recovery Act to spur job creation, and to stimulate long-term economic growth and opportunity for our communities.

Sho-Mo-Technologies has designed a project to expand their current robust ultra-high capacity middle mile infrastructure to many underserved and disadvantaged South-Central Missouri areas. Their goal is to provide next generation bulk bandwidth capacities at economically competitive prices.

Our hope is to interconnect a compatible Southeast Missouri fiber network to Sho-Mo-Technologies at key strategic locations in Missouri to provide a seamless, open access, transparent network for all potential users.

Please contact us if we can provide any additional information in support of this application.

Sincerely Patricia Jo





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Eldon R-1 School District

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March 21, 2010

To Whom It May Concern:

Eldon R-1 School District is a rural community located between Jefferson City and Lake of the Ozarks. We are a school district that consists of five campuses with an enrollment of 1950 students. The hub of our district's network is located at our High School campus while our only building that is connected via fiber is Upper Elementary to our South Elementary. Currently the South Elementary, Middle School and our alternative high school are connected by a radio tower which was recently upgraded to 100 MB speed. Being that our campuses are a considerable distance from one another causes lag and down time when accessing the network. There are many days that the network is slow or inaccessible for our Middle School when the weather is bad or several teachers are requiring student access to the network.

Due to a recent grant, we added additional computers and thin clients to our district. This alone causes a great need for fiber being that the server that runs the thin client is located at a building that does not have fiber access. It then becomes a necessity that these systems stay connected by a reliable source for students to have access to all their files. If this building is down then our students are completely without technology.

Along with the increase in the number of computers, technology being a driving force in our curriculum and the number of students accessing the network, this is adding to the demand of additional bandwidth in all buildings without fiber. Our district recently upgraded our infrastructure to potentially accommodate a 10 gigabyte bandwidth between buildings if we had access to dark fiber. Due to budget cuts and the economy, our budget won't allow for the installation of fiber between buildings. If access to fiber could be made as inexpensive as possible, then this would leave money in the budget to upgrade equipment or put towards other technological equipment.

Our district like others, are in great need of additional access to fiber to help our students acquire the necessary skills to be productive citizens in a technological world.

Sincerely,

Matt Davis Superintendent

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David J. Villano Assistant Administrator – Telecommunications Program United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development 1400 Independence Ave, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20250-0700

Dear Mr. Villano:

I am writing in support of Sho-Me Technologies application for the Rural Utilities Services Broadband Initiatives Round Two Application.

This proposal will deliver high speed internet to rural residents throughout Missouri that do not have access to broadband services. The lack of access is hindering the educational attainment, economic development, and job creation in the region.

I hope you will extend every consideration to their proposal. Please keep me informed on the progress of this request.

Sincerely,

Claire McCaskill United States Senator



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Office of Telecommunications Information Applications National Telecommunications and Information Administration U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC) 1401 Constitution Avenue Washington, D.C. 20230

RE: Sho-Me Technologies

Dear NTIA,

Gascosage Electric Cooperative would like to express our support of the MoBroadbandNow "Sho-Me MO" Middle Mile Project. Many of our communities currently enjoy the convenience and opportunity that access to high-speed broadband brings. The significant impact this access has had on education, communication and medical care, as well as on economic development, is undeniable. However, we still have areas where that access does not exist. These un-served or underserved locations should not be overlooked, but allowed to reap the benefits of an open-access fiber optic broadband network. The Sho-Me Technologies proposal will bring connectivity to the areas that need this access the most.

The country is moving toward SmartGrid implementation. While the existing fiber network will help us meet some of the challenges associated with SmartGrid, there are still many areas where we need broadband connectivity. Putting the Sho-Me Technologies proposal into place will help us prepare for SmartGrid technology.

We believe Sho-Me Technologies is the right company to receive this award. Their proposed routes would benefit both our cooperative and our members, and Sho-Me has the expertise to make this project a success. We ask that you fully fund the MoBroadbandNow "Sho-Me MO" Middle Mile Project.

Thank you,

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John W. Greenlee General Manager

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March 23, 2010

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RE: Sho-Me Technologies

Dear NTIA,

On behalf of Crawford Electric Cooperative, I am writing in support of the Sho-Me Technologies MoBroadbandNow "Sho-Me MO" Middle Mile Project. As a rural electric cooperative, we understand the importance of access to high-speed broadband and the huge impact it makes in the lives of our members. While the Sho-Me Technologies network has seen vast growth over the past 13 years, there are still many communities that are left un-served. Approval of this plan will allow an open-access fiber optic network that will benefit rural Missouri residents and improve the opportunities in our region.

One dilemma facing our cooperative is how to promote energy efficiency and improve on the versatility of our power grid. Our Cooperative is evaluating SmartGrid opportunities and we believe there is potential that this technology will enable our 16,000 members to take full control of their energy consumption and become more energy efficient in the future.

Sho-Me has a proven track record when it comes to constructing and managing a fiber optic network. They have the technical expertise required to make this proposal a success. We request that you fund the MoBroadbandNow "Sho-Me MO" Middle Mile Project. We believe this proposal will not only benefit our cooperative and the members we serve, but also advance future generations for years to come.

Thank you,

Dan Blesi CEO/General Manager Crawford Electric Cooperative

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RE: Sho-Me Technologies

Dear NTIA,

As a member cooperative, we have seen firsthand the difference high-speed broadband access can make to a community. This technology has had a positive effect on our members' lives by enabling advanced medical care, educational opportunities, and high-speed Internet.

Currently, portions of our service territory do not have access to fiber optics or high-speed broadband. We support the Sho-Me Technologies plan to bring fiber to these unserved and underserved communities so that they may enjoy the economic growth that high-speed broadband access can bring.

As a Rural Electric Cooperative, we view this project as a positive step toward the implementation of SmartGrid. Federal mandates connected with SmartGrid are a challenge, especially for rural cooperatives. The existing fiber network will help us meet those challenges, but there are still areas where we need more connectivity. The fiber network proposed by Sho-Me Technologies will reach more of our service territory and bring SmartGrid closer to becoming a reality for all of our members.

Sho-Me Technologies has a proven record of accomplishment for providing superior service to their customers. Approving Sho-Me Technologies' proposal to expand their open-access fiber optic network would benefit both our cooperative and our members. On behalf of Webster Electric Cooperative, I would like to express our support of the MoBroadbandNow "Sho-Me MO" Middle Mile Project.

Thank you,

Thomas E. Hunton

Thomas E. Houston General Manager





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RE: Sho-Me Technologies

Dear NTIA,

On behalf of Se-Ma-No Electric Cooperative, I would like to express our support of the MoBroadbandNow "Sho-Me MO" Middle Mile Project. As a member cooperative, we know that access to high-speed broadband makes a difference in the lives of our members. However, there are still areas that have been left underserved. These communities are just outside of the current network, but they are in desperate need of fiber optic connectivity. We support Sho-Me's plan to bring fiber to these communities so that they may enjoy the growth and success high-speed broadband access can bring.

As a Rural Electric Cooperative, we have implemented a SmartGrid metering system, which allows our members to take control of their energy use. The expansion of the existing fiber network under the Sho-Me Technologies proposal will reach more of our service territory and enhance our SmartGrid capabilities for all of our members.

Over the past thirteen years, Sho-Me has proven that they have the technical expertise required to make this plan a success. The Sho-Me reputation for providing service to their customers is unsurpassed. Approving Sho-Me Technologies' proposal to expand their open-access fiber optic network would benefit our cooperative and our members now and in the future. We ask that you approve their proposal.

Thank you

Jim Carpenter GM Se-Ma-No Electric Cooperative



Branson, Missouri 65615 (417) 335-9335 Chris Hamon, CEO

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RE: Sho-Me Technologies

Dear NTIA,

On behalf of White River Valley Electric Cooperative, I would like to express our support of the MoBroadbandNow "Sho-Me MO" Middle Mile Project. This project will further enhance the existing broadband network in our service territory as well as provide service to areas that are currently unserved or underserved.

Access to broadband service will bring new opportunities to our communities. We have already seen the impact high-speed broadband can have. For instance, new businesses bringing jobs to our area are attracted because of the availability of the fiber network. Also, broadband access allows us to retain existing businesses, rather than losing them to more urban areas.

The Sho-Me Technologies proposal will also benefit our Rural Electric Cooperative as we prepare to move forward with SmartGrid. The ability to communicate with our substations and equipment will be essential. The proposed routes will reach more of our service territory and allow us to be more prepared for the deployment of SmartGrid.

The Sho-Me Technologies plan will go a long way in making open-access fiber optic broadband available to rural Missouri. We believe the Sho-Me Technologies proposal, MoBroadbandNow "Sho-Me MO" Middle Mile Project, is a project that should be fully funded.

Thank you,

John R. Bruns Manager of Engineering and Technology White River Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc. P.O. Box 969 Branson, MO. 65615



March 24, 2010

Office of Telecommunications Information Applications National Telecommunications and Information Administration U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC) 1401 Constitution Avenue Washington, D.C. 20230

RE: Sho-Me Technologies

Dear NTIA:

Intercounty Electric Cooperative Association, supports the MoBroadbandNow "Sho-Me MO" Middle Mile Project. On behalf of our 23,000 members in south central Missouri, we encourage you to approve their proposal to further technology in Missouri.

As a member owned cooperative, we have seen firsthand the appreciation of members just being able to receive basic dial-up Internet service. The difference high-speed broadband access can make to some of our communities is beyond compare. Our members' everyday lives have been improved because our local businesses have access to fiber optics. The existing fiber network has connected many anchor institutions in our service territory, allowing our members access to advanced medical technology and educational opportunities. This access has made cell phone coverage more widespread and more reliable. It has made Internet access faster and more readily available. It has improved lives in little ways, like making the time spent in line at the bank a little shorter. On a larger scale, the availability of high-speed broadband has attracted new businesses that provide jobs to our members and established businesses to grow, allowing them to stay in our area and still be competitive with their urban counterparts.

Sho-Me's Middle Mile project will help reach even more of our communities that are just outside of the current network, but in desperate need of fiber optic connectivity. We support Sho-Me's plan to bring fiber to these communities so rural people may enjoy the growth and success high-speed broadband access can bring.

As a Rural Electric Cooperative, we have a particular interest in this project and view it as a positive step toward the realization of SmartGrid technologies in rural areas. This technology will allow our members to take control of their energy use and will assist them in keeping it affordable. It will provide both the member and the Cooperative real-time energy consumption information. We can use this information to anticipate peak loads and to implement time of use rates. As more people get involved with renewable home-based energy, this technology will help in managing and directing co-generation.

Meeting federal mandates for renewable energy will be challenging, especially for rural cooperatives as we tend to be smaller and are not-for-profit consumer owned utilities whose principles and goals are based upon service and meeting quality of life needs in rural areas. The existing fiber network will help us meet those challenges, but there are still areas where we need more connectivity. The fiber network proposed by Sho-Me Technologies will reach more of our service territory and bring SmartGrid closer to becoming a reality for all of our members.

Sho-Me has built a reputation for providing top-notch service to their customers over the last decade. Sho Me's community mindedness has been a great asset to us. They have the technical expertise required to make this plan a success. Approving Sho-Me Technologies' proposal to expand their open-access fiber optic network would benefit our cooperative and our members. Approving their proposal is the right thing to do for rural Missouri.

Thank you,

Dwayne Cartwright General Manager





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RE: Sho-Me Technologies

Dear NTIA,

Southwest Electric Cooperative would like to endorse the MoBroadbandNow "Sho-Me MO" Middle Mile Project. This project will enhance the existing fiber network by providing connectivity to previously unserved and underserved communities. It will also improve the reliability of currently provided services. Our members will benefit from this project through expanded access to medical care, educational opportunities and high-speed Internet. In addition, fiber optic availability will help to attract new businesses to our area, providing jobs and services for our members.

Another way the Sho-Me Technologies proposed network will benefit our members and our cooperative is through the positive impact it will have as we prepare to deploy SmartGrid technology. Allowing our members to take control of their energy use will result in more informed decisions regarding their energy consumption. The fiber network proposed by Sho-Me Technologies will reach more of our service territory and bring SmartGrid closer to becoming a reality.

Sho-Me Technologies has the expertise to make their proposal a success. They have a reputation for superior service and continue to build on their success. The MoBroadbandNow "Sho-Me MO" Middle Mile Project will benefit our communities in many ways and we ask that you approve this proposal to expand broadband availability through rural Missouri.

Thank you,

James Ashworth **CEO/General Manager**



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RE: Sho-Me Technologies

Dear NTIA,

On behalf of Laclede Electric Cooperative, I would like to express our support of the MoBroadbandNow "Sho-Me MO" Middle Mile Project. As a member cooperative, we know that access to high-speed broadband makes a difference in the lives of our members. However, some communities just outside of the current network have been left underserved. We support Sho-Me's plan to bring fiber to these communities so that they may enjoy access to advanced medical technology, educational opportunities and high-speed Internet.

As a Rural Electric Cooperative, we are looking toward the implementation of SmartGrid. SmartGrid technology will allow our members to take control of their energy use and make informed decisions about their electrical consumption. The expansion of the existing fiber network under the Sho-Me Technologies proposal will reach more of our service territory and bring SmartGrid closer to becoming a reality for all of our members.

Sho-Me currently manages a state of the art fiber optic network. They have proven that they have the technical expertise required to make this plan a success. Approving Sho-Me Technologies' proposal to expand their open-access fiber optic network would benefit our cooperative and our members now and in the future. We ask that you approve their proposal.

Sincerely,

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Kenneth L. Miller General Manager



Howell-Oregon Electric Cooperative, Inc.

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March 25, 2010

Office of Telecommunications Information Applications National Telecommunications and Information Administration U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC) 1401 Constitution Avenue Washington, D.C. 20230

RE: Sho-Me Technologies

Dear NTIA,

On behalf of Howell Oregon Electric Cooperative, Inc., I would like to express our support of the MoBroadbandNow "Sho-Me MO" Middle Mile Project.

As a member cooperative, we have seen firsthand the difference high-speed broadband access can make to a community. Our members' everyday lives have been improved because our local businesses have access to fiber optics. The existing fiber network has connected many anchor institutions in our service territory, allowing our members access to advanced medical technology and educational opportunities. This access has made cell phone coverage more widespread and more reliable. It has made Internet access faster and more readily available. It has improved lives in little ways, like making the time spent in line at the bank a little shorter. On a larger scale, the availability of high-speed broadband has attracted new businesses that provide jobs to our members. It has allowed businesses to stay in our area and still be competitive with their urban counterparts.

Sho-Me's plan will help to reach even more of our communities. These communities are just outside of the current network, but in desperate need of fiber optic connectivity. We support Sho-Me's plan to bring fiber to these communities so that they may enjoy the growth and success high-speed broadband access can bring.

As a Rural Electric Cooperative, we have a particular interest in this project and view it as a positive step toward the implementation of SmartGrid. This technology could allow our members to take control of their energy use. Meeting any proposed federal mandates for renewable energy will be a challenge, especially for rural cooperatives. The existing fiber network will help us meet those challenges, but there are still areas where we need more connectivity. The fiber network proposed by Sho-Me Technologies will reach more of our service territory and bring SmartGrid closer to becoming a reality for all of our members.

Sho-Me has proven over the last decade that they have the technical expertise required to make this plan a success. They have built a reputation for providing top-notch service to their customers. Approving Sho-Me Technologies' proposal to expand their open-access fiber optic network would benefit our cooperative and our members. Approving their proposal is the right thing to do.

Sincerely, HOWELL-OREGON ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

Dan Singletary CEO/General Manager



Osage County R-II School District 1212 East Main Street Linn, MO 65051

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March 23, 2010

Sho-Me Technologies, LLC Attn: Cindy Evans P.O. Box D Marshfield, MO 65706

Dear Cindy Evans:

We are excited to hear that our school district and community as a whole has been included in the proposed scope-of-work efforts related to the State of Missouri's "MoBroadbandNow" initiative seeking to provide broadband services to many of Missouri's unserved and underserved communities. We understand that these "middle mile projects" are a critical step in bringing cost-effective solutions to meet the rapid increase for internet access moving forward.

We, like other school districts, are encountering a significant increase in bandwidth demand every year as internet enabled applications and content related to our core mission continue to become available at a rapid pace. Over the past 3 years we have invested heavily in our own internal network infrastructure to prepare for the future which included the implementation of a fiber optic network backbone and switching upgrades that increased internal bandwidth capacity ten-fold to all network devices throughout the district.

Working with MOREnet, we were able last year to add additional internet bandwidth with bonded T1 connections to meet our needs for now, but at the current rate of increased demand it won't be long until more bandwidth capacity will be necessary to meet requirements. Prior to this upgrade effort, as you may remember, we did engage with MOREnet and Sho-Me Technologies in an attempt to implement a very similar fiber-optic solution for internet connectivity as is being proposed now. This project was ultimately shelved due to cost-prohibitive barriers that were encountered along the way and we are certainly encouraged at the possibility that a scalable fiber-optic solution might once again become a reality.

We are aware that a variety of initiatives at both the State and Federal levels attempting to address the "21st Century Education System" have been proposed. And, while funding these ambitious proposals will be challenging, the overall direction clearly indicates a trend which will certainly result in more demand for technology solutions including additional internet bandwidth capacity. The new National Education Technology Plan released March 5, called "Transforming American Education: Learning Powered by Technology" is just the latest in a list of proposals that includes some very aggressive technological objectives, that if implemented, will challenge all school districts around the country to improve technology delivery systems...much of which will rely on internet based applications and content...and of course, more bandwidth!

We hope for success as you move forward on funds acquisition for this huge undertaking. Please keep us in the loop regarding any new project developments and if we can be of further assistance, please let us know.

Sincerely,

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Mrs. Mary Elsensohn Superintendent of Schools

WILLIAM CAMM SEAY PRESIDING CIRCUIT JUDGE DIVISION I



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CIRCUIT COURT OF MISSOURI

42ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

CRAWFORD, DENT, IRON, REYNOLDS AND WAYNE COUNTIES

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March 15, 2010

Dear BTOP/BIP Application Review Team:

It has come to our attention that there is an initiative seeking stimulus funding to further the installation of fiber in Missouri. This connectivity for Crawford County has enhanced our day to day operations by increasing the speed of the Judicial Information System which is our primary application. With rising caseloads, any delays or outages associated with our applications becomes very critical. A delay in the posting of a restraining order or arrest warrant could potentially allow a threat back out on the street.

Our existing fiber network and associated higher bandwidth has also enabled us to utilize newer technology such as video conference capabilities for arraignments. The video conference capability increases security for the courthouse, the community and the prisoners by not having to transport them to the court. A cost savings to the counties and state has been realized by not having to dedicate as many staff to transporting and securing prisoners for arraignment. In higher risk situations the Highway Patrol was often called upon to help with courthouse security. In those cases the savings and security benefits are even greater. Additionally we are investigating the use of these systems to reduce travel costs by attending meetings virtually through the use of video conferencing.

One of our upcoming initiatives is eFiling. This will allow lawyers to file cases or motions electronically without coming to the courthouse. This should save costs for the lawyers and ultimately for the people they serve. This system will allow some of our current processes to be automated and thus save time for court personnel. The ability to file, store and retrieve documents electronically and efficiently would have required additional network bandwidth. Having the same connectivity for Iron County as we do in Crawford County will allow the same capabilities, processes and procedures to be applied in all of these courthouses, giving a

BTOP/BIP Application Review Team March 15, 2010 Page 2

more uniform judicial process. This fiber network will be the foundation for the expansion of the courts' and the communities' ability to move forward to support the needs of the citizens of Missouri for years to come.

Respectfully,

William Camm Seay

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MARY W. SHEFFIELD Presiding Judge PHONE (573) 458-6222 FAX (573) 458-6237

March 11, 2010

Dear BTOP/BIP Application Review Team:

It has come to our attention that there is an initiative seeking stimulus funding to further the installation of fiber in Missouri. This connectivity for the Texas County has enhanced our day to day operations by increasing the speed of the Judicial Information System which is our primary application. With rising caseloads, any delays or outages associated with our applications becomes very critical. A delay in the posting of a restraining order or arrest warrant could potentially allow a threat back out on the street.

Our existing fiber network and associated higher bandwidth has also enabled us to utilize newer technology such as video conference capabilities for arraignments. The video conference capability increases security for the courthouse, the community and the prisoners by not having to transport them to the court. A cost savings to the counties and state has been realized by not having to dedicate as many staff to transporting and securing prisoners for arraignment. In higher risk situations the Highway Patrol was often called upon to help with courthouse security. In those cases the savings and security benefits are even greater. Additionally we are investigating the use of these systems to reduce travel costs by attending meetings virtually through the use of video conferencing.

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Sincerely,

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Mary W. Sheffield Presiding Judge, 25th Judicial Circuit

STATE OF MISSOURI

 32^{ND} Judicial Circuit

WILLIAM L. SYLER CIRCUIT JUDGE, DIVISION I



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March 15, 2010

Dear BTOP/BIP Application Review Team:

It has come to our attention that there is an initiative seeking stimulus funding to further the installation of fiber in Missouri. This connectivity for the Bollinger County Circuit Court would enhance our day to day operations by increasing the speed of the Judicial Information System which is our primary application. With rising caseloads, any delays or outages associated with our applications becomes very critical. A delay in the posting of a restraining order or arrest warrant could potentially allow a threat back out on the street.

A fiber network and associated expanded bandwidth would enable us to utilize newer technology such as video conference capabilities for arraignments. Our current connectivity will only allow for one arraignment at a time without having a detrimental effect on our other day to day processes. The video conference capabilities would increase security for the courthouse, the community and the prisoners by not having to transport them to the court. Pilot projects have demonstrated a cost savings to the counties and state by not having to dedicate as many staff to transporting and securing prisoners for arraignment. In higher risk situations the Highway Patrol is often called upon to help with courthouse security. In these cases the savings and security benefits are even greater.

We would also use these systems to reduce travel costs by attending meetings virtually through the use of video conferencing.

One of our upcoming initiatives is eFiling. This will allow lawyers to file cases or motions electronically without coming to the courthouse. This should save costs for the lawyers and ultimately for the people they serve. This new system will allow some of our current processes to be automated and thus save time for court personnel. The ability to file, store and retrieve documents electronically and efficiently will require additional network bandwidth. This fiber network would be the foundation for the expansion of the courts' and the communities' ability to move forward to support the needs of the citizens of Missouri for years to come.

Respectfully,

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William L. Syler Presiding Judge



Circuit Court of Missouri 35th Judicial Circuit STEPHEN R. SHARP, CIRCUIT JUDGE

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March 12, 2010

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Office of State Courts Administrator Attn: Wanda Utermoehlen 2112 Industrial Drive Jefferson City, MO 65109

Dear BTOP/BIP Application Review Team,

I understand that stimulus funding is being sought for the installation of fiber in Missouri. This would certainly be an enhancement to our day to day court operations and increase the speed of our Judicial Information System.

A fiber network would enable Missouri Courts to utilize much newer technology than we are now able to utilize in many instances. Increased courthouse and public security certainly would be important benefits. Electronic filing of legal documents by lawyers would be greatly expanded which could result in significant time savings for court personnel.

Thank you for permitting me to offer my support for this initiative.

Very truly yours,

Stephen R. Sharp, Presiding Circuit Judge

CARTER COUNTY



OREGON COUNTY SHANNON COUNTY

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DAVID P. EVANS PRESIDING JUDGE PHONE: (417) 256-4383 FAX: (417) 256-6591

March 17, 2010

Dear BTOP/BIP Application Review Team:

This proposal for fiber optic communication and ultimately for e-Filing will create jobs in the short term, and save money in the long run. I am excited about the possibilities and strongly urge your consideration of the grant proposal.

It has come to our attention that there is an initiative seeking stimulus funding to further the installation of fiber in Missouri. This connectivity for the 37th Judicial Circuit has enhanced our day-to-day operations by increasing the speed of the Judicial Information System which is our primary application. With rising caseloads, any delays or outages associated with our applications become very critical. A delay in the posting of a restraining order or arrest warrant could potentially allow a threat back out on the street.

Our existing fiber network and associated higher bandwidth have also enabled us to utilize newer technology such as video conference capabilities for arraignments. The video conference capability increases security for the courthouse, the community and the prisoners by not having to transport them to court. A cost savings to the counties and state has been realized by not having to dedicate as many staff to transporting and securing prisoners for arraignment. In higher risk situations the Highway Patrol was often called upon to help with courthouse security. In those cases the savings and security benefits are even greater. Additionally, we are investigating the use of these systems to reduce travel costs by attending meetings virtually through the use of video conferencing.

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Respectfully yours,

David P. Evans Presiding Judge, 37th Judicial Circuit

PRESIDING JUDGE

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VERONICA J. CASPER SECRETARY c-mail: <u>Veronica Casper@courts.mo.gov</u>

44TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT P. O. BOX 439 MANSFIELD, MO 65704 TELEPHONE: 417/924-3246 FACSIMILE: 417/924-3325

March 17, 2010

Dcar BTOP/BIP Application Review Team:

It has come to our attention that there is an initiative seeking stimulus funding to further the installation of fiber in Missouri. This connectivity for the Wright County Juvenile Center has enhanced our day to day operations by increasing the speed of the Judicial Information System which is our primary application. With rising caseloads, any delays or outages associated with our applications becomes very critical. A delay in the posting of a restraining order or arrest warrant could potentially allow a threat back out on the street.

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Respectfully,

John G. Moody 44th Judicial Circuit Judge

PRESIDING JUDGE

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March 17, 2010

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March 17, 2010

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Respectfully

John G. Moody 44th Judicial Circuit Judge



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State of Missouri Circuit Court, 30th Judicial Circuit

JOHN W. (BILL) SIMS Presiding Judge

P. O. BOX 679 BUFFALO, MISSOURI 65622

March 16, 2010

Dear BTOP/BIP Application Review Team:

It has come to our attention that there is an initiative seeking stimulus funding to further the installation of fiber in Missouri. This connectivity for the Webster County Circuit Court has enhanced our day to day operations by increasing the speed of the Judicial Information System which is our primary application. With rising caseloads, any delays or outages associated with our applications becomes very critical. A delay in the posting of a restraining order or arrest warrant could potentially allow a threat back out on the street.

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Respectfully, John W. Sims

Presiding Judge 30th Judicial Circuit



26TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF MISSOURI

ONE COURT CIRCLE, SUITE 9 JAMES A. FRANKLIN, JR. COURTS BUILDING CAMDENTON, MISSOURI 65020 Phone: 573-346-5160 Fax: 573-346-0369

KENNETH M. HAYDEN CIRCUIT JUDGE, DIVISION II

Counties: Camden, Laclede, Miller, Moniteau & Morgan March 15, 2010

Dear BTOP/BIP Application Review Team:

It has come to our attention that there is an initiative seeking stimulus funding to further the installation of fiber in Missouri. This connectivity for Camden, Laclede, Morgan & Moniteau Counties has enhanced our day to day operations by increasing the speed of the Judicial Information System which is our primary application. With rising caseloads, any delays or outages associated with our applications becomes very critical. A delay in the posting of a restraining order or arrest warrant could potentially allow a threat back out on the street.

Our existing fiber network and associated higher bandwidth has also enabled us to utilize newer technology such as video conference capabilities for Juvenile Court proceedings. The video conference capability increases security for the courthouse, the community and the participants by not having to transport them to the court. A cost savings to the counties and state has been realized by not having to dedicate as many staff to transporting and securing juveniles for hearings. Additionally we are investigating the use of these systems to reduce travel costs by attending meetings virtually through the use of video conferencing.

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Having the same connectivity for Miller County as we do in Camden, Laclede, Morgan & Moniteau Counties will allow the same capabilities, processes and procedures to be applied in all of these courthouses, giving a more uniform judicial process.

This fiber network will be the foundation for the expansion of the courts' and the communities' ability to move forward to support the needs of the citizens of Missouri for years to come.

Respectfully,

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Presiding Judge

STAN MOORE Circuit Judge, Division I

TEL (417) 468-2615 FAX (417) 468-2611

Wednesday, March 24, 2010

Office of Telecommunications Information Applications National Telecommunications and Information Administration U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC) 1401 Constitution Avenue Washington, D.C. 20230

RE: Easygrants ID #4521

To whom it may concern:

Sho-Me Technologies, L.L.C. is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Sho-Me Power Electric Cooperative. The two entities entered into an Operating Agreement and a Fiber Use Agreement in 1997. The Fiber Use Agreement stipulates that Sho-Me Power will make available to Sho-Me Technologies any excess fibers within its fiber-optic network in exchange for Sho-Me Technologies providing all telecommunications services required by Sho-Me Power at no charge.

Sho-Me Power considers Sho-Me Technologies to be a significant partner in its success over the past thirteen years and looks forward to further development of that partnership for many years to come. Sho-Me Power is contributing \$8.8 million worth of existing fiber-optic plant to this project. All of Sho-Me Power's assets are included under its mortgage with the United States of America (through the Rural Utilities Service, the successor to the USDA's Rural Electrification Administration), and while legal title cannot be passed to Sho-Me Technologies, Sho-Me Power may pledge those assets for any legal use by Sho-Me Technologies. Sho-Me Power has also advanced over \$20 million to Sho-Me Technologies, of which \$17.7 remains outstanding. The construction budget of this project requires another \$2.6 million that Sho-Me Power will advance to Sho-Me Technologies, and Sho-Me Power stands ready to advance another \$6.4 million in working capital to insure the successful implementation of this project.

The benefit Sho-Me Power expects to receive is improved reliability of its electrical support telecommunications network (by removing collapsed optical rings in favor of geographically diverse optical rings).

SHO-ME POWER ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

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Gary L. Fulks, General Manager



GOVERNOR OF MISSOURI

JEREMIAH W. (JAY) NIXON GOVERNOR JEFFERSON CITY 65102 March 25, 2010

P.O. Box 720 (573) 751-3222

Sho-Me Technologies, LLC Sho-Me Power Electric Cooperative Gary L. Fulks, General Manager P.O. Box D Marshfield, Missouri 65706

Dear Mr. Fulks:

Thank you for your interest in the *MoBroadbandNow* initiative to deliver broadband Internet access to rural and underserved Missourians in every corner of the Show-Me State. Based on my team's pre-application review of your project, I am pleased to tell you that we encourage and support your application for funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

As you know, we began this process for Round 2 grants in early February 2010. We received a number of outstanding projects from potential partners. We reviewed the information that you supplied with a team of subject matter experts representing several state agencies including the Department of Transportation, the Public Service Commission and the Office of Administration. The team reviewed each submission based on the criteria applicable to federal grant applications under the January 2010 Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA). Thereafter, my team identified those that we felt were most likely to receive funding and that most closely aligned with the *MoBroadbandNow* vision. As a result of this process, we encourage you to submit your project to the federal government for funding, and lend you our support.

The Sho-Me Technologies plan to build a middle-mile network in central and south-central Missouri will enable many citizens in these areas to receive broadband. Consequently, your project will be a real boon to expanding broadband to rural and underserved Missourians. Without your vision and commitment, it would be many years before the Missourians who will benefit from your project would have broadband access. We look forward to working with you to make your project and the *MoBroadbandNow* vision a reality.

I appreciate this opportunity to work together. Thank you for helping bring the 21st Century Internet to all Missourians.

Sincerely.

Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon Governor

www.governor.mo.gov

PHELPS COUNTY R-3 SCHOOL DISTRICT

17790 STATE ROUTE M

EDGAR SPRINGS, MISSOURI 65462

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March 19, 2010

To: Show-Me Technologies, LLC

Regarding: Infrastructure Improvements

To Whom It May Concern:

The Phelps County R-3 School District will in the future need to increase their current T-1 broadband to help to hold all online testing and other paperwork coming from the federal and state governments through the Internet system nationwide.

We are currently working within our capacity however the storage goes away quickly and the connection slows down greatly when all computers are up and trying to work on two servers.

We support all efforts to supply the best equipment for the schools within the Sho-Me-MO project to handle connection services for the 55+ schools we have in the area.

Sincerely, irtrey KaV McMurtrev

Superintendent

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