
**U.S. Department of Commerce
Broadband Technology Opportunities Program
Authentication and Certifications**

1. I certify that I am the duly Authorized Organization Representative (AOR) of the applicant organization, and that I have been authorized to submit the attached application on its behalf.
2. I certify that I have examined this application, that all of the information and responses in this application, including certifications, and forms submitted, all of which are part of this grant application, are material representations of fact and true and correct to the best of my knowledge, that the entity(ies) that is requesting grant funding pursuant to this application and any subgrantees and subcontractors will comply with the terms, conditions, purposes, and federal requirements of the grant program; that no kickbacks were paid to anyone; and that a false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims on this application are grounds for denial or termination of a grant award, and/or possible punishment by a fine or imprisonment as provided in 18 U.S.C. §1001 and civil violations of the False Claims Act.
3. I certify that the entity(ies) I represent has and will comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, codes, orders and programmatic rules and requirements relating to the project. I acknowledge that failure to do so may result in rejection or deobligation of the grant or loan award. I acknowledge that failure to comply with all federal and program rules could result in civil or criminal prosecution by the appropriate law enforcement authorities.
4. I certify that the entity(ies) I represent has and will comply with all applicable administrative and federal statutory, regulatory, and policy requirements set forth in the Department of Commerce Pre-Award Notification Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements ("DOC Pre-Award Notification"), published in the Federal Register on February 11, 2008 (73 FR 7696), as amended; DOC Financial Assistance Standard Terms and Conditions (Mar. 8, 2009); the Department of Commerce American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Award Terms (Apr. 9, 2009); and any Special Award Terms and Conditions that are included by the Grants Officer in the award.
5. I certify that any funds awarded to the entity(ies) I represent as a result of this application will not result in any unjust enrichment of such entity(ies) or duplicate any funds such entity(ies) receives under federal universal service support programs administered by the Universal Service Administrative Corporation (USAC).
6. I certify that the entity(ies) I represent has secured access to pay the 20% of total project cost or has petitioned the Assistant Secretary of NTIA for a waiver of the matching requirement.

3-16-2010
Date


Authorized Organization Representative Signature

Tatum Martin
Print Name

Managing Partner
Title

BTOP Comprehensive Community Infrastructure Project Plan and Build-out Timeline

Please complete the Project Plan and Build-out Timeline templates below. Note that these templates may be modified by applicants in order to provide the most effective presentation of the data for their specific project. Applicants should ensure, however, that they provide at least as much detail as the provided templates require.

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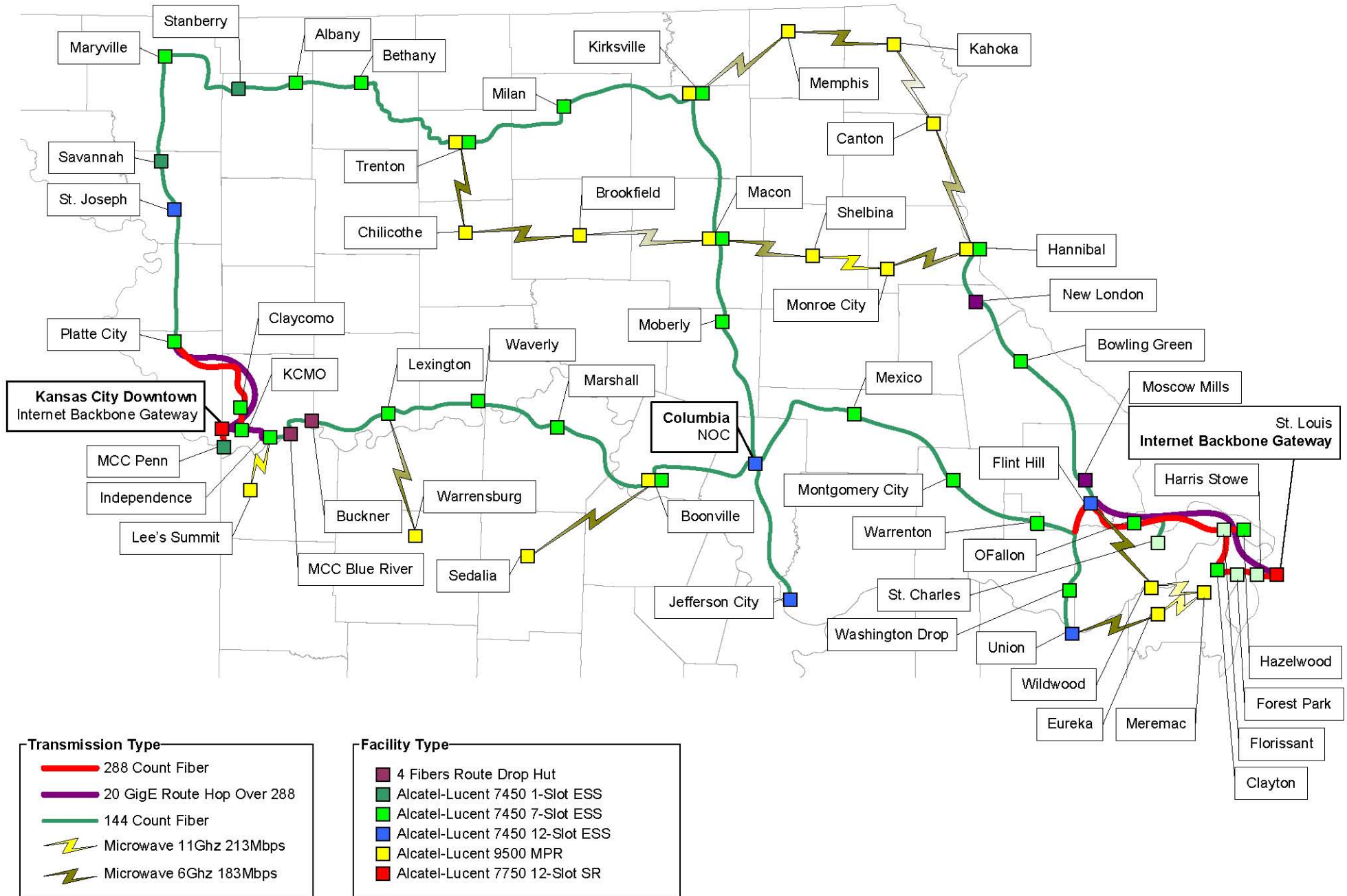
PROJECT PLAN

- Use the following table to list the major network build-out phases and milestones that can demonstrate that your entire project will be substantially complete by the end of Year 2 and fully complete by the end of Year 3. This is to be done at the aggregate level (combining all proposed funded service areas.)
- Indicated how the milestones listed below will demonstrate these completion objectives. The applicant should consider such project areas as: a) network design; b) securing all relevant licenses and agreements; c) site preparation; d) inside plant deployment; e) outside plan deployment; f) deployment of business & operational support systems; g) network testing; f) network operational. The applicant may provide any other milestones that it believes showcase progress.
- Project inception (Year 0) starts at the date when the applicant receives notice that the project has been approved for funding.
- In the table, provide any information (e.g., facts, analysis) to: a) demonstrate the reasonableness of these milestones; b) substantiate the ability to reach the milestones by the quarters indicated.

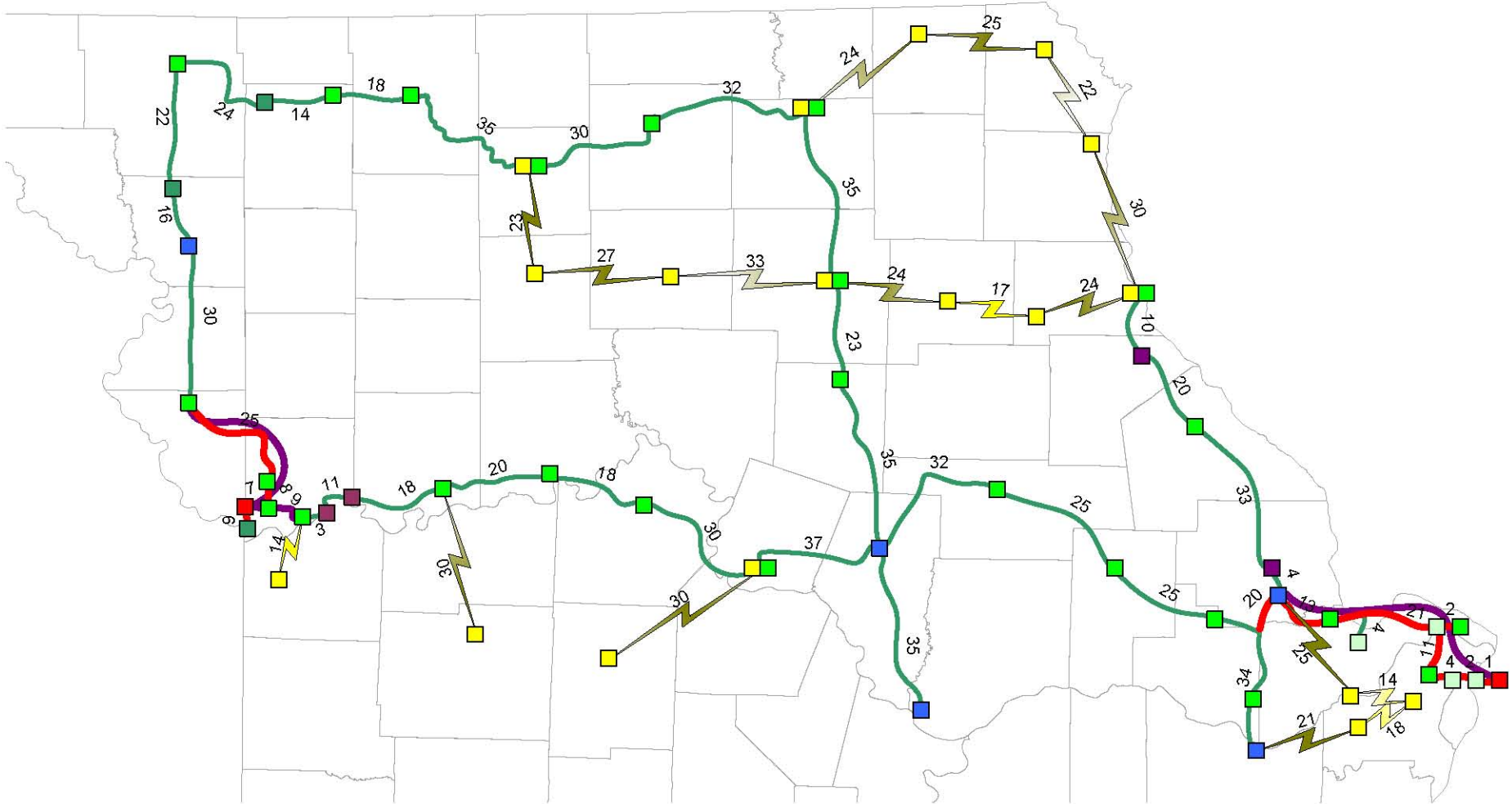
| Time Period | Quarter | Milestones | Support for Reasonableness/Data Points |
|-------------|---------|------------|--|
| Year 0 | | | |
| Year 1 | | | |

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| Year 2 | Qtr. 4 | [REDACTED] |
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| | Qtr. 2 | |
| | Qtr. 3 | |
| | Qtr. 4 | |
| Year 3 | Qtr. 1 | |
| | Qtr. 2 | |
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Network Diagram 1: Overview of Elements & Capacity

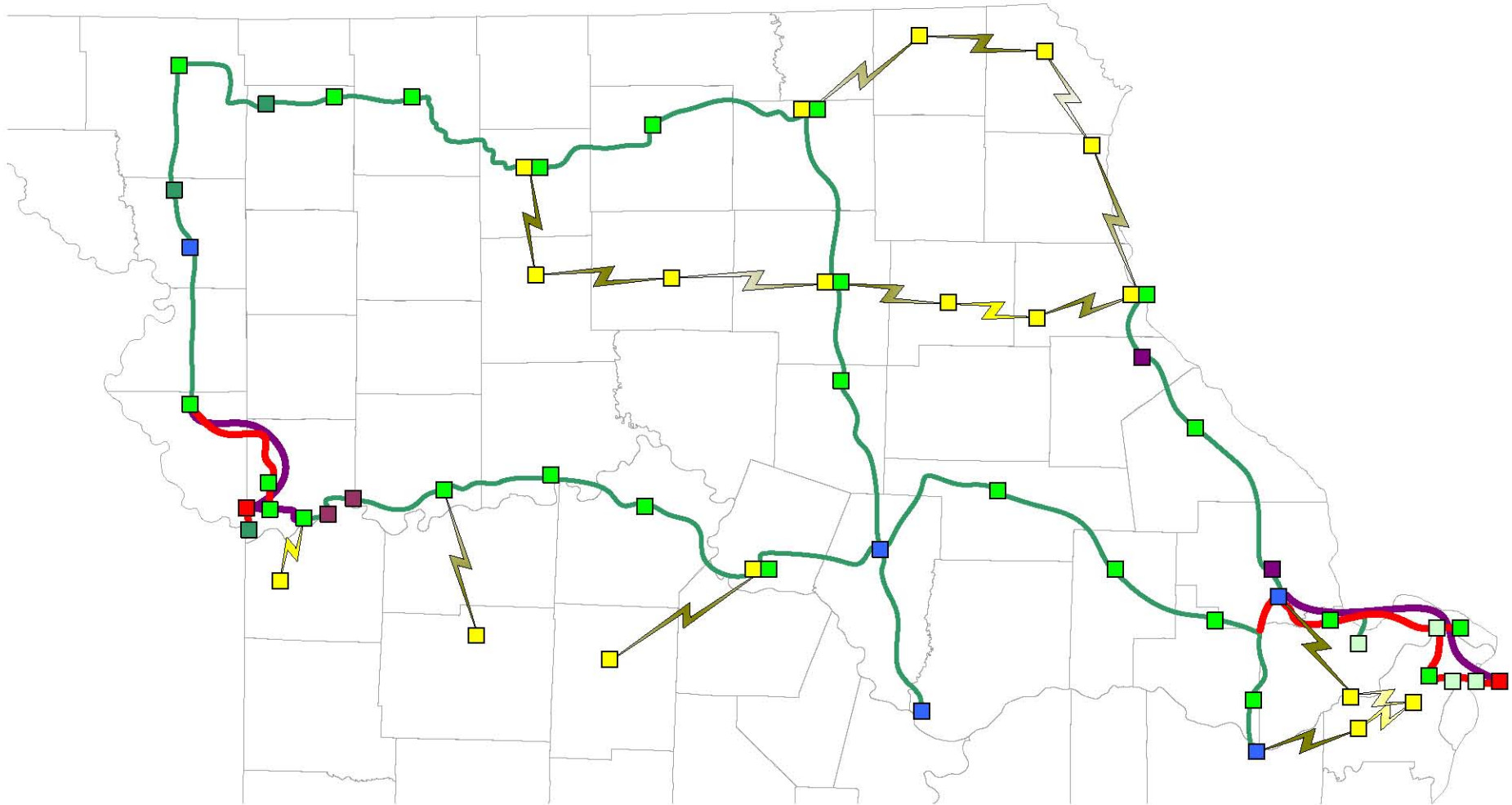


Network Diagram 2: Mileage Between Elements



All distances are in miles.

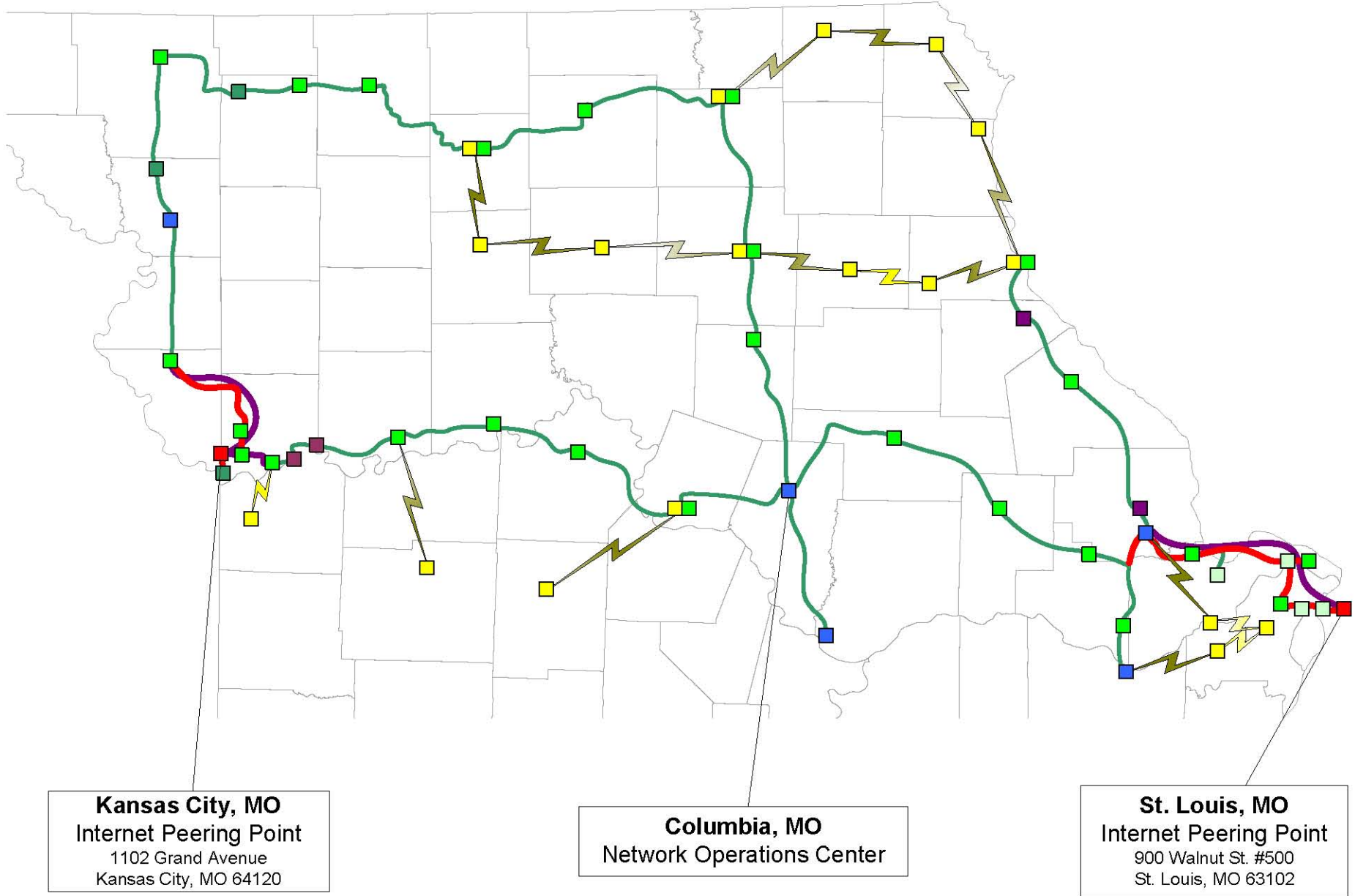
Network Diagram 3: Links & Facilities



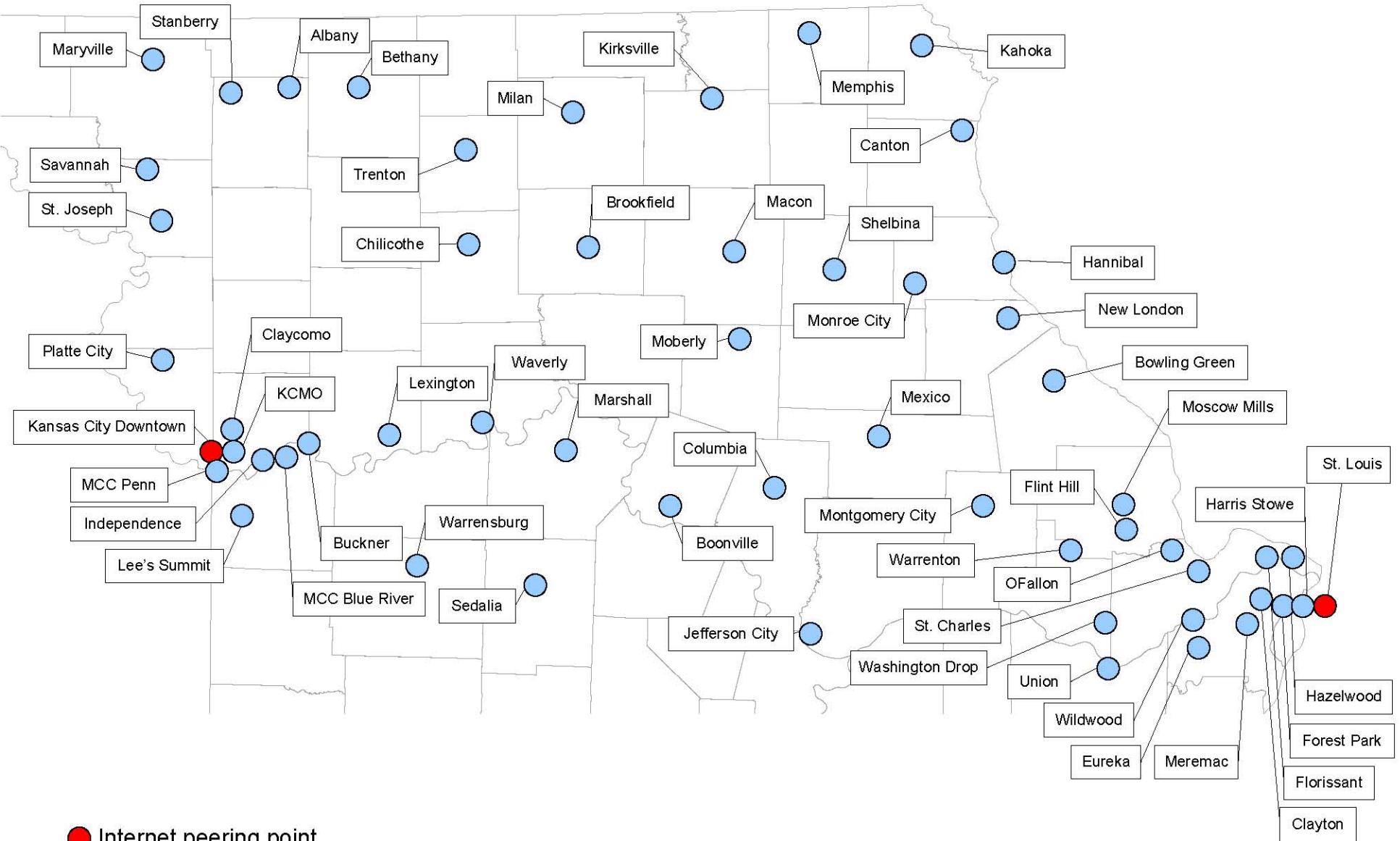
| Transmission Type | |
|-------------------|----------------------------|
| | 288 Count Fiber |
| | 20 GigE Route Hop Over 288 |
| | 144 Count Fiber |
| | Microwave 11Ghz 213Mbps |
| | Microwave 6Ghz 183Mbps |

| Facility Type | |
|---------------|---|
| | 4 Fibers Route Drop Hut |
| | Alcatel-Lucent 7450 1-Slot Ethernet Service Switch Hut |
| | Alcatel-Lucent 7450 7-Slot Ethernet Service Switch Hut |
| | Alcatel-Lucent 7450 12-Slot Ethernet Service Switch Hut |
| | Alcatel-Lucent 9500 Microwave Packet Router Tower/Hut |
| | Alcatel-Lucent 7750 12-Slot Service Router Facility |

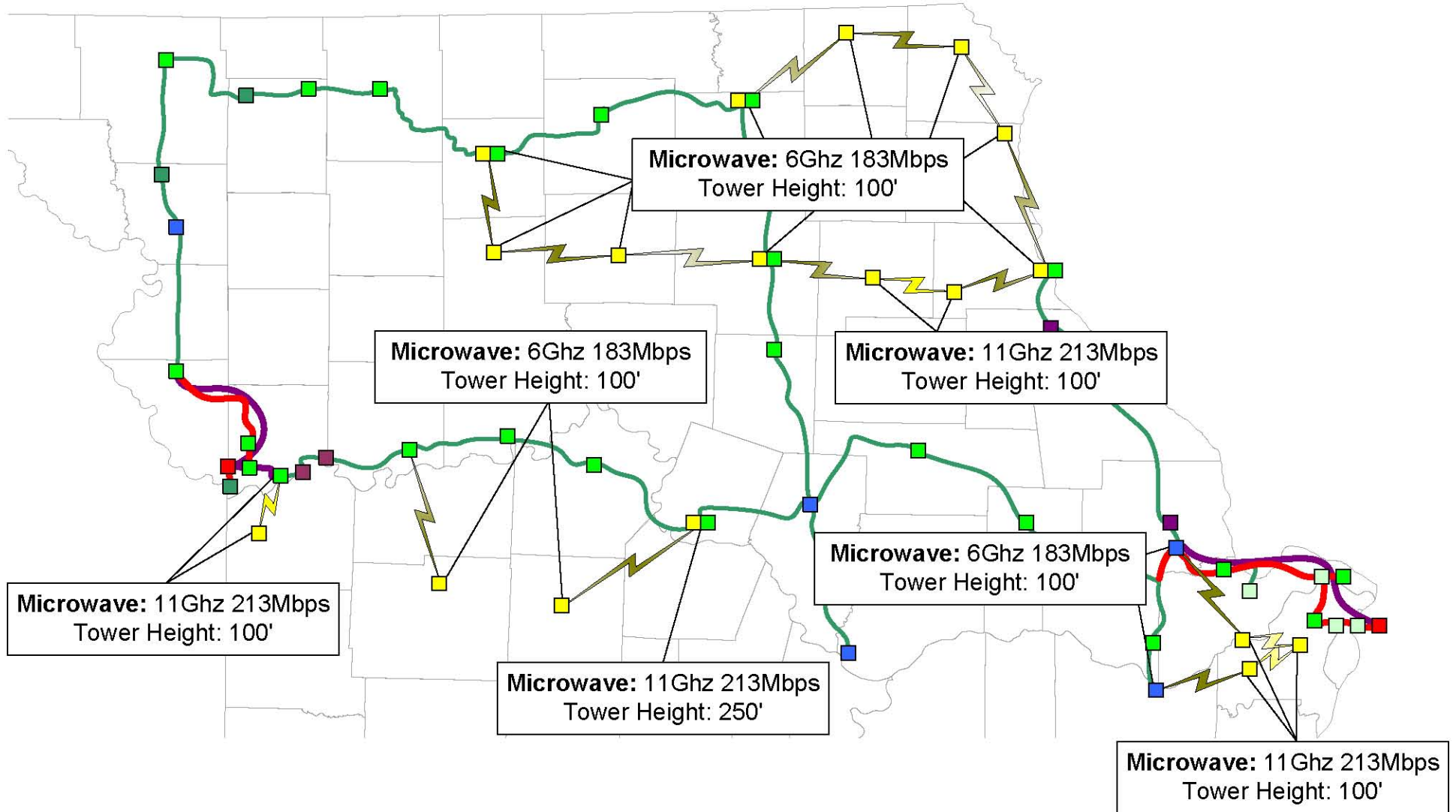
Network Diagram 4: Peering Points & Offices



Network Diagram 5: Aggregation Nodes/Egress Points

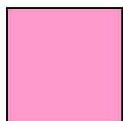
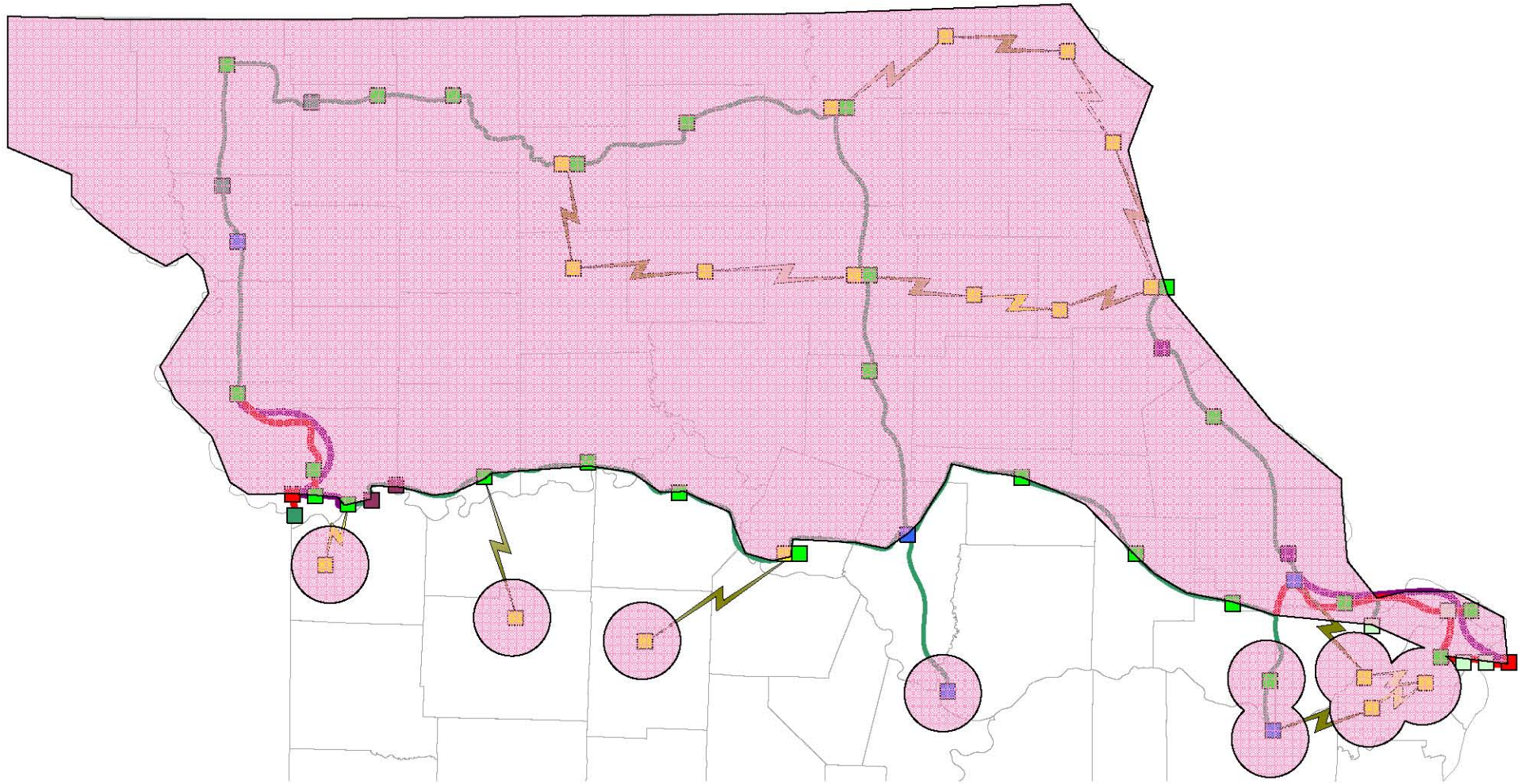


Network Diagram 6: Wireless Systems



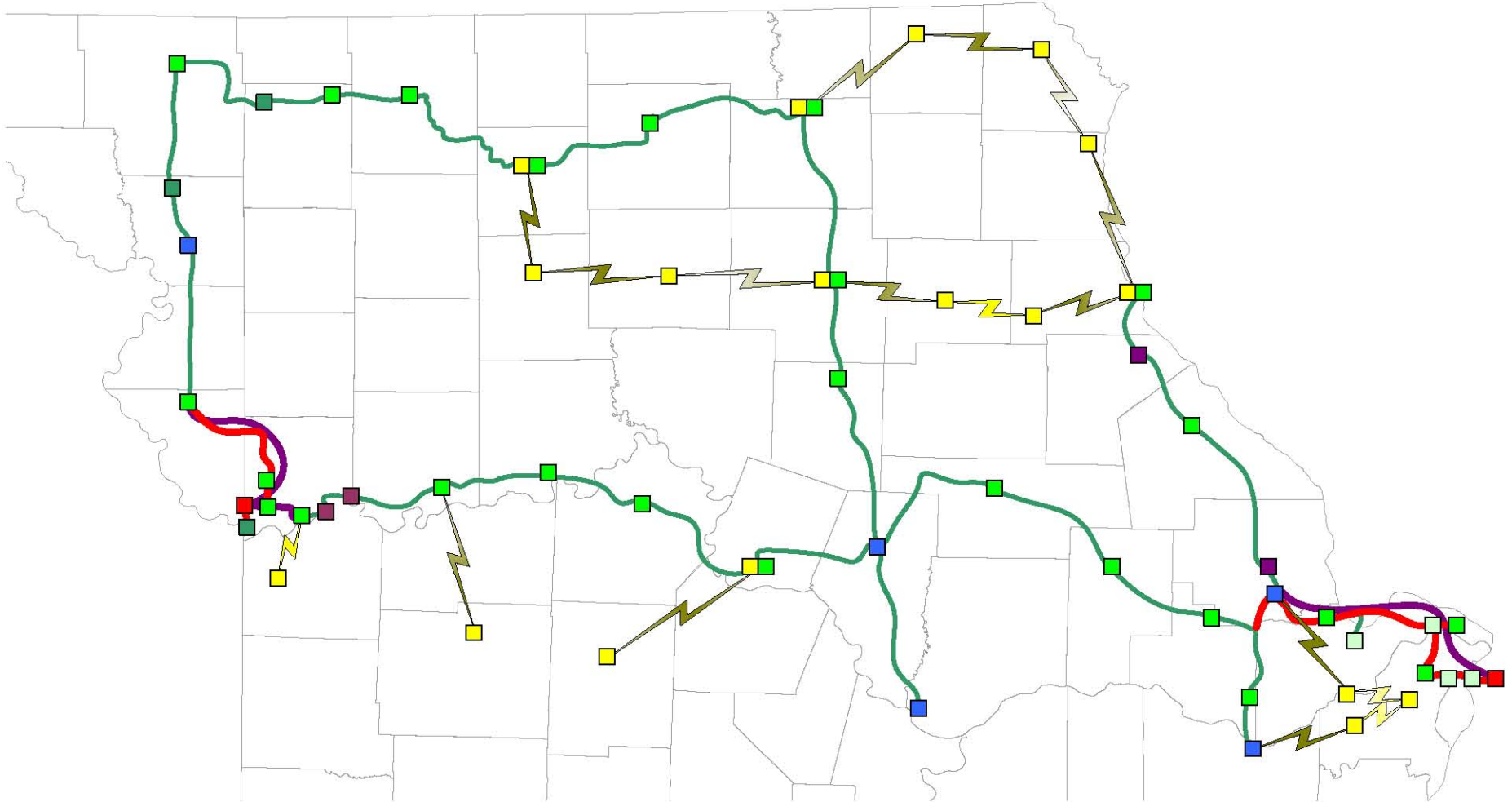
Site Radius & Coverage for all areas: n/a (point to point backhaul)

Network Map 1: Proposed Funded Service Area



BlueBird Media Northern Missouri MidMile Project Unserved/Underserved Area

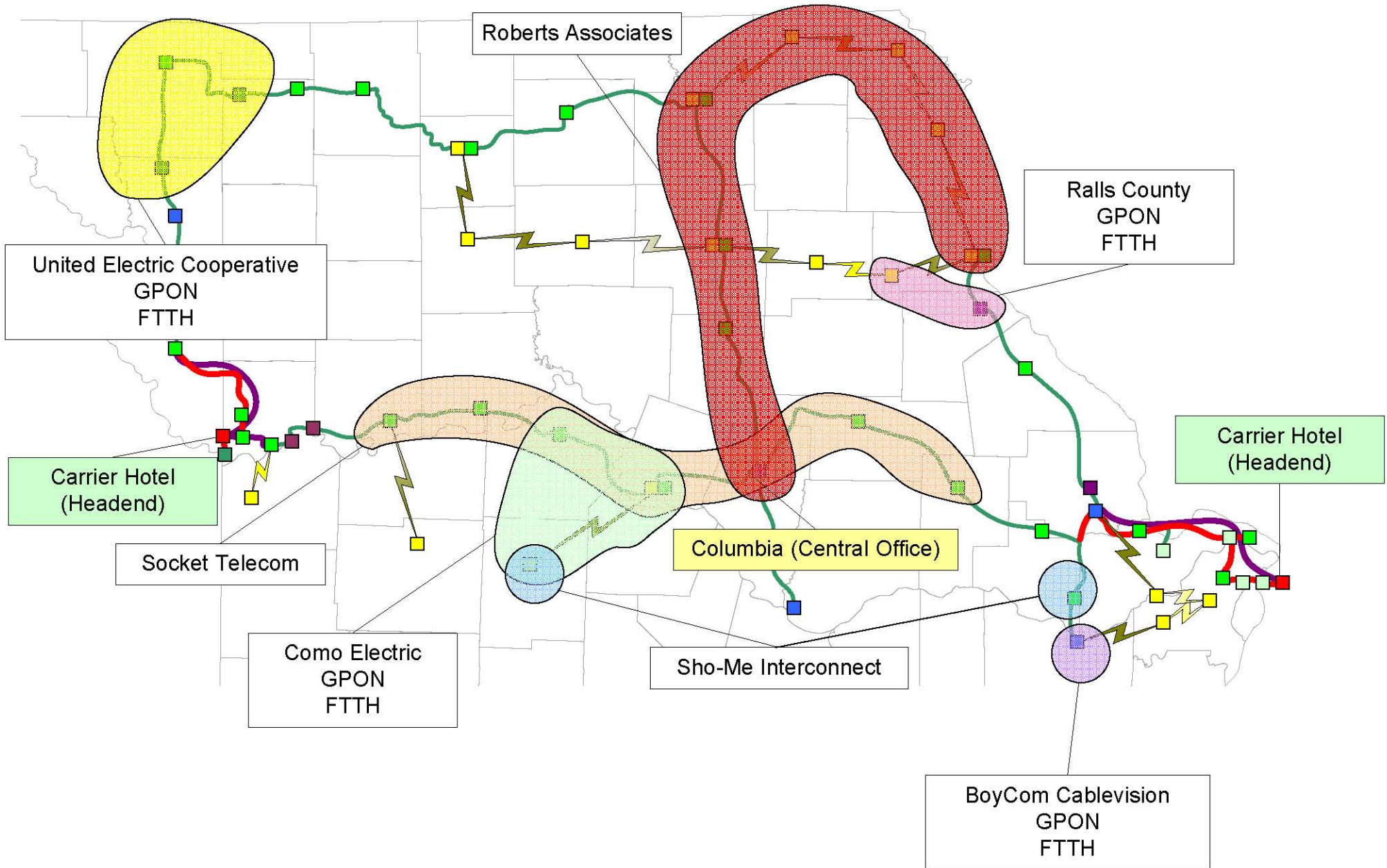
Network Map 2: Physical Path



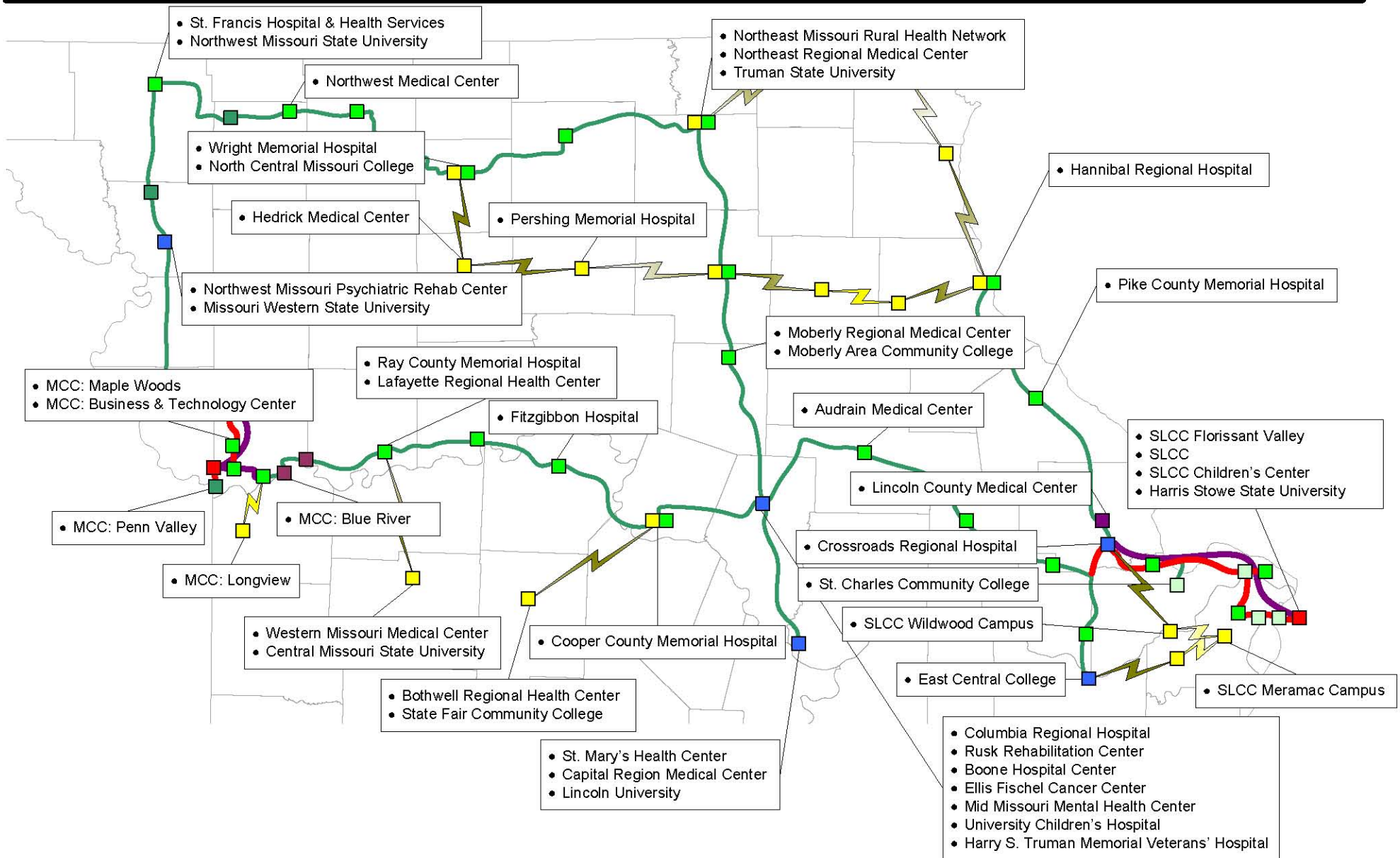
Transmission Type

- 288 Count buried lit Fiber / 20 GigE
- 288 Count buried lit Fiber / 20 GigE
- 144 Count buried lit Fiber / 10 GigE
- ⚡ Microwave 11Ghz 213Mbps
- ⚡ Microwave 6Ghz 183Mbps

Network Map 3: Points of Interconnection



Network Map 4: Anchor Institutions



BTOP Comprehensive Community Infrastructure Service Area Template

Please complete the complete the CCI Service Area worksheet. In each line you will provide name of a service area and one of the contiguous Census tracts or block groups that make u service area. Please provide full 11-digit Census tract numbers, includes the 2-digit State FIF the 3-digit county code, followed by a unique 6-digit tract number. For Census block group: please provide the full tract number, plus the 1-digit block group number (12 digits total). If more than one Census tract or block group in a service area, there will be multiple lines in th for that service area. It is critical that the service area names provided in this table match w service area names provided in the Service Area Details page of the application. Please revie document and Service Area Details page for consistency before submitting your application.

Important Note: Excel truncates leading zeros from numbers. Consequently, the tract/block column on the worksheet has been formatted as text. This formatting should not be altered validity of your data may be compromised.

The data provided via this attachment will be subject to automated processing. Applicants a therefore required to provide this attachment as an Excel file, and not to convert it to a PDF submitting a copy of your application on an appropriate electronic medium, such as a DVD, (ROM, or flash drive. Additionally, Applicants should not modify the format of this file (*e.g.*, l adding or removing worksheets). Do not leave blank lines in the table between service area

EXAMPLE

| Service Area Name | Tract or Block Group # |
|----------------------|------------------------|
| Big BB Project South | 01001020100 |
| Big BB Project South | 01001020100 |
| Big BB Project South | 010010202001 |
| Big BB Project West | 01001020400 |
| Big BB Project North | 01001020800 |
| Big BB Project North | 010010209002 |
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BTOP CCI Service Area Template

Title: **Northern Missouri Ultra-High Capacity Middle Mile**
 Easy Grants ID: **6519**

| Service Area Name | Tract or Block Group # |
|--|------------------------|
| BroadbandBackbone-Longview | 29095014400 |
| | 29095013601 |
| | 29095013602 |
| Backbone-Wayland_Hannibal | 29001950300 |
| | 29001950400 |
| | 29001950100 |
| | 29197970100 |
| | 29199980200 |
| | 29199980100 |
| | 29045950100 |
| | 29045950300 |
| | 29045950200 |
| | 29111970100 |
| | 29111970400 |
| | 29127960100 |
| | 29127960300 |
| 29127960400 | |
| 29127960600 | |
| BroadbandBackbone-StCharles | 29183311401 |
| | 29183311312 |
| | 29183311311 |
| | 29183311391 |
| | 29183311322 |
| Microwave-Kirksville_Memphis | 29199980200 |
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| | 29001950500 |
| Microwave-Kahoka_Memphis | 29199980200 |
| Microwave-Kahoka_Canton | 29045950300 |
| Microwave-Hannibal_Canton | 29111970100 |
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| BroadbandBackbone-SLCCFlorissantValley | 29189211200 |
| | 29189211600 |
| | 29189211101 |
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| | 29189211700 |
| Microwave-Wildwood-StCharles | 29189218201 |
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| | 29219820103 |
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| Microwave-Eureka-SLCCMeremac | 29189221503 |
| BroadbandBackbone-Hannibal_FilintCity | 29127960500 |
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| BroadbandBackbone-StLouis_FilintCity | 29183312093 |
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| | 29183311903 |
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| 29183310903 | |

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| | 29510125500 |
| Microwave-Shelbina-MonroeCity | 29205950200 |
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| | 29137960100 |
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| Microwave-Brooksfeld-Macon | 29115990300 |
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| Microwave-Brooksfeld-Chilcothe | 29117980100 |
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| Microwave-Trenton-Chilcothe | 29079960200 |
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| Microwave-MonroeCity-Hannibal | 29137960100 |
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| Microwave-Shelbina-Macon | 29121980400 |
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| BroadbandBackBone-JeffCity-Columbia | 29051010600 |
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| | 29053950100 |
| | 29089960200 |
| | 29019001601 |
| | 29019001002 |
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| Kansas City- Maryville-Longview | 29147970200 |
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| Service Area Name | Tract or Block Group # |
|---|------------------------|
| | 29095001000 |
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| Microwave-Richmond_Warrensburg | 29107090100 |
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| Microwave-Marshall_Sedalia | 29195990800 |
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| BroadbandBackbone-PennValley | 29095004400 |
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| Microwave- LeeSummit-Independence | 29095011401 |
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| Kansas City- KC-MCCPenn | 29095000300 |
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| Microwave-Eureka-Union | 29071800601 |
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| BroadbandBackbone-EastCentralCollege-Wildwood | 29071800602 |
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| BroadbandBackbone-Columbia_Forstell | 29027970100 |
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Broadband Technology Opportunities Program



Waiver Request

EGID: 6519

Project Category: CCI

Applicant Name: BlueBird Media

Date: 3-16-10

Project Title: Northern Missouri Ultra-High Speed Middle Middle

Contact Name: Tatum Martin

Email Address: tmartin@bluebirdmedia.com

Phone No.: 660-864-3081

Type of Waiver Requested (*check one*):

- Matching (pursuant to NOFA Section V.C.2.)
- Last Mile Coverage (pursuant to NOFA Section V.C.3.c.ii.)
- Sale or Lease of Assets (pursuant to NOFA Section IX.C.2.b)
- Buy American (pursuant to NOFA Section X.Q)
- General Provision (pursuant to NOFA Section X.N)

Summary of Waiver Request

(In the space below please provide a detailed explanation of the waiver request, including all information requested in the corresponding NOFA Section and Grant Guidance.)

BlueBird Media would like the ability to be able to Sale or Lease parts of the network to capitalize on synergies that possibly might come to light after the installation of this network. At this time we aren't aware of any possibilities but wish to keep the option open. Full accountability and openness would exist in possible transaction.

Attached Documents

(If applicable, indicate all attached supporting documentation)

BTOP Comprehensive Community Infrastructure Service Offerings and Competitor Data Template

Please complete the complete the following worksheets--either of the Last Mile or Middle Mile Service Offerings worksheets may be omitted if the applicant is not proposing to provide that type.

For both the Last Mile and Middle Mile Service Offerings worksheets, the service offerings should include all relevant tiers and markets (*e.g.* residential, business, wholesale). Applicants should ensure to include details on any services that would be offered at discounted rates to specific classes of customers (*e.g.* community anchor institutions or third party service providers).

In the Last Mile Service Offerings worksheet, applicants are required to provide estimated end user speeds. Average speeds should be the average sustained actual, non-burst end user speed that would be received during a peak hour. For purposes of calculating these speeds, applicants should utilize their subscriber projections for year eight of the project, and develop utilization projections that are consistent with any additional services the applicant proposes. For wireless broadband services, this speed should be an average of the speeds available across the entire cell. Beyond these general guidelines, due to the multiplicity of technical solutions that may be proposed, the applicants may use discretion to determine the most reasonable method to estimate actual speeds on their network. Applicants should explain the underlying methodology used to calculate the average speeds in the space provided.

In the Competitor Data worksheet, applicants are required to provide data on both last mile and middle mile service providers, regardless of whether the applicant proposes to offer last mile and middle mile services. In the column titled Service Areas Where Service Offered, applicants should list all of the Last Mile and Middle Mile Service Areas within their Proposed Project Area in which the listed services are available. Please ensure that the Service Areas are consistent with those provided within the application and the Service Areas attached to the application. If the actual availability of the listed services is limited (*e.g.* the service is only available within a portion of a Last Mile or Middle Mile Service Area), note this in the Other Comments column.

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Proposed Middle Mile Service Offerings

| Name of Service Offering | Distance Band or Point to Point | Minimum Peak Load Network Bandwidth Capacity (Mbps) | Monthly/Yearly Pricing (\$) | Other Comments/Description/Features or Limitations |
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Competitor Data

Competitor Data - Last Mile Service Providers

| Service Provider | Service Areas Where Service Available | Technology Platform | Service Tiers | Downstream Speed | Monthly Pricing | Other Comments/Description/Features or Limitations |
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Competitor Data - Middle Mile Service Providers

| Service Provider | Service Areas Where Service Available | Technology Platform | Service Tiers | Distance Band or Point-to-Point | Minimum Peak Load Network Bandwidth Capacity | Pricing | Other Comments/Description/Features or Limitations |
|------------------|--|---------------------|---------------|---------------------------------|--|---------|--|
| Cogent | Columbia, St. Louis, Kansas City, St. Joseph | Fast Ethernet Port | 1 Year | ON Net | 10Mbps | \$90 | Price includes Port & Loop |
| | | | 2 Year | ON Net | 10Mbps | \$80 | Price includes Port & Loop |
| | | | 3 Year | ON Net | 10Mbps | \$70 | Price includes Port & Loop |
| Cogent | Columbia, St. Louis, Kansas City, St. Joseph | Fast Ethernet Port | 1 Year | ON Net | 100Mbps | \$900 | Price includes Port & Loop |
| | | | 2 Year | ON Net | 100Mbps | \$800 | Price includes Port & Loop |
| | | | 3 Year | ON Net | 100Mbps | \$700 | Price includes Port & Loop |
| Cogent | Columbia, St. Louis, Kansas City, St. Joseph | Gig Port | 1 Year | ON Net | 200Mbps | \$1,800 | Price includes Port & Loop |
| | | | 2 Year | ON Net | 200Mbps | \$1,600 | Price includes Port & Loop |
| | | | 3 Year | ON Net | 200Mbps | \$1,400 | Price includes Port & Loop |
| Cogent | Columbia, St. Louis, Kansas City, St. Joseph | Gig Port | 1 Year | Off Net | 250Mbps | \$4950 | Price includes Port & Loop |
| | | | 2 Year | Off Net | 250Mbps | \$4650 | Price includes Port & Loop |
| | | | 3 Year | Off Net | 250Mbps | \$4,350 | Price includes Port & Loop |
| Cogent | Columbia, St. Louis, Kansas City, St. Joseph | Gig Port | 1 Year | Off Net | 500Mbps | \$7429 | Price includes Port & Loop |
| | | | 2 Year | Off Net | 500Mbps | \$6929 | Price includes Port & Loop |
| | | | 3 Year | Off Net | 500Mbps | \$6,429 | Price includes Port & Loop |
| | | | 1 Year | Off Net | 250Mbps | \$5950 | Price includes Port & Loop |

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| AT&T | Columbia, St. Louis, Kansas City, St. Joseph | Gig Port | 2 Year | Off Net | 250Mbps | \$5650 | Price includes Port & Loop |
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| | | | 2 Year | Off Net | 500Mbps | \$8929 | Price includes Port & Loop |
| | | | 3 Year | Off Net | 500Mbps | \$7,429 | Price includes Port & Loop |



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March 25, 2010

JEREMIAH W. (JAY) NIXON
GOVERNOR

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Tatum Martin
BlueBird Media, LLC
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Dear Mr. Martin:

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 lend you our support and encourage you to submit your project to the federal government for funding.

The BlueBird Media plan to build a middle-mile network in northern 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jay Nixon", written over a circular blue ink stamp.

Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon
Governor

CLAIRE MCCASKILL
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March 25, 2010

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 Blue Bird Media's 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

Chris L. Nicastro, Ph.D.
Commissioner of Education



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March 25, 2010

Mr. Tatum Martin
BlueBird Media, LLC
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Dear Mr. Martin:

Thank you for your willingness to partner with the *MoBroadbandNow* initiative to deliver broadband Internet access to rural and unserved Missourians in your region of the Show-Me State. I understand the *MoBroadbandNow* team reviewed your submission and determined that your proposal was an exemplary project. The Governor supports your proposal and has encouraged you to submit an application to the federal agencies.

Likewise, on behalf of K-12 education, I am also lending my support to your application for funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Your project will be a real boon to the school districts in northern Missouri. Without your middle mile project, it would be many years before local telephone companies or other last mile providers would reach the children of this area of Missouri with the broadband access necessary to improve their skills and economic competitiveness.

Missouri is working on an application for the second round of the U.S. Department of Education's "Race to the Top" initiative. We intend to push aggressively to submit a new application and move forward with educational reform efforts on several fronts: curriculum and testing; expanding the role of technology in schools; expanding educational services and options before kindergarten; improving the way teachers are evaluated, rewarded and supported; focusing resources on low-performing schools; and revamping the structure of the state education agency, among others. This is an ambitious agenda that will require collaboration and cooperation with all stakeholders. The availability of broadband to the school districts is critical to the testing and evaluation systems being designed under the proposal. We expect that the bandwidth required will dramatically increase over the next ten years as these reforms are implemented. Our plan is designed to propel Missouri's public education system into the Top 10, nationally and internationally; and broadband is a significant component of our ability to accomplish our goals.

Once your application receives funding, the staff of the Missouri Department of Education is willing to work with you, the Missouri Research and Education Network (MOREnet), and the school districts in your service area to take full advantage of the benefits of your middle-mile high speed broadband. Thank you for your assistance in bringing the 21st Century Internet to Missouri to improve the education of our children.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chris L. Nicastro".

Chris L. Nicastro
Commissioner of Education

JEREMIAH W. (JAY) NIXON
Governor

JOHN M. BRITT
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March 25, 2010

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Dear Tatum Martin:

Thank you for your willingness to partner with the **MoBroadbandNow** initiative to deliver broadband Internet access to rural and unserved Missourians in every corner of the Show-Me State. I know that the **MoBroadbandNow** team reviewed the information that you submitted and determined that your proposal was an exemplary project. The Governor supports your proposal and has encouraged you to submit an application to the federal agencies.

On behalf of the Missouri Office of Homeland Security, I want to lend my support to your application for funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Your project will be a real boon to northern Missouri. Without your project, it would be many years before this area of Missouri would have the broadband access necessary to participate in the 21st century economy and receive the benefits that will be available through broadband.

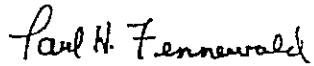
We believe that the safety and security of Missouri citizens will be directly affected by a robust broadband infrastructure. The Department of Corrections will be able to dramatically reduce the transportation of prisoners through the use of broadband for tele-health and court appearances, thus eliminating a major security risk inherent in such transportation.

In addition, the state has been working to develop a resilient interoperable communications infrastructure to support our public safety community. The 9-1-1 Centers/public safety answering points (PSAPs) are critical to connecting our citizens to emergency services. The department is working with PSAPs all over the state to enable our law enforcement officers and other first responders to receive digital data in their vehicles. Such robust communications are critical to the health and safety of citizens and those working in public safety occupations.

The Office of Homeland Security intends to work to integrate broadband with improvements and upgrades being made to existing interoperable communications initiatives such as the proposed web enabled Missouri Uniform Law Enforcement System upgrade, Missouri Data Exchange (MoDEX) for law enforcement, and the Mobile Data Terminal initiative for local law enforcement agencies. A statewide data network could add resiliency and positively impact future interoperable communications initiatives in our PSAPs, emergency management operations centers, and other public safety areas. Connectivity will play an increasingly important role in disaster response as it will further enable the increasing use of GIS data for emergencies and ongoing public safety operations.

Once your application receives funding, the staff of the Missouri Office of Homeland Security is committed to working with you, the PSAPs, the Missouri State Highway Patrol, and other public safety and first responder entities to take full advantage of the benefits of your middle mile high speed broadband. Thank you for helping bring the 21st Century Internet to Missourians.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul H. Fennewald". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'P'.

Paul H. Fennewald
Homeland Security Coordinator

Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon
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March 26, 2010

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Dear Mr. Martin:

Thank you for your willingness to partner with the **MoBroadbandNow** initiative to deliver broadband Internet access to rural and unserved Missourians in every corner of the Show-Me State. I know that the **MoBroadbandNow** team reviewed the information that you submitted and determined that your proposal was an exemplary project.

On behalf of the Missouri Department of Corrections, I want to lend my support to your application for funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Your project will be a real boon to northern Missouri. Without your project, it would be many years before this area of Missouri would have the broadband access necessary to participate in the 21st century economy and receive the benefits that will be available through broadband.

The Department of Corrections expects to be significantly impacted by broadband access. Providing inmates with medical care is difficult and costly. Basic care is provided in the institutions but millions of dollars of staff time is spent each year transporting inmates to hospitals or specialty care. In addition to being costly, a security risk arises each time an inmate is transported outside the institution. The department has anticipated the future availability of broadband and has been working to upgrade the internal infrastructure necessary to utilize tele-health in correctional facilities. In addition, the department had the foresight in its current medical contract to require the medical vendor to provide tele-health equipment, i.e. videoconferencing equipment and medical peripherals at their cost should broadband become available. High quality broadband will provide the visual quality needed for medical diagnoses. The department intends to utilize tele-health for some medical services, such as cardiology, dermatology, orthopedics, ophthalmology, general surgery, gastroenterology, urology vascular surgery, neurology, oncology, and ear, nose and throat (ENT). This will reduce the transportation costs the department incurs related to medical out-counts, or escorting offenders out of secure facilities and transporting them to medical providers who are sometimes hours away, and improve public safety by keeping offenders secure in the facilities.

With a tele-health program, the Department is no longer limited to locally available medical care, but may be able to provide greater access to the specialists and sub-specialty areas while improving initial appointments, treatments, and follow-ups. With accessibility being of special significance to corrections, and Federal courts ruling that offenders have a constitutionally protected right to community standard healthcare, tele-health provides a very real augmentation to the overall healthcare program.

In addition, the department has been working with the Office of State Courts Administrator and other local jurisdictions to allow for inmate court appearances to be handled over broadband. The courts and the department will aggressively pursue such projects because they will substantially decrease the costs of transporting prisoners and also eliminate the security risks associated with such transportation.

The department is spread across the state and has more than 11,000 employees. Training is difficult at best and turnover is high at some institutions and job classes. Broadband would allow the department to significantly improve its ability to provide training and outreach to its institutions and employees. This includes the staff of the probation and parole offices as well. The department will also be able to increase e-government services to its clients and also citizens throughout the state that have never had an opportunity to seriously use the capabilities available.

Once your application receives funding, the staff of the Missouri Department of Corrections is committed to working with you, the judicial system, and others in your service area to take full advantage of the benefits of your middle mile high speed broadband. Thank you for helping bring the 21st Century Internet to Missourians.

Sincerely,



George A. Lombardi, Director
Missouri Department of Corrections



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Tatum Martin
BlueBird Media
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March 19, 2010

Subject: Bluebird Media Middle Mile Project, Letter of Support

We are pleased to submit this letter of support for Bluebird Media's application for the National Telecommunication and Information Administration, Broadband Technology Opportunities Program through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Bluebird Media is seeking federal funds for the construction of an ultra-high capacity "middle mile" network to serve Missouri's predominantly rural and underserved region, north of Interstate 70. This federal funding will allow Bluebird Media to construct a reliable, cost effective network interconnection to the "end mile - fiber to home" networks.

Federal funding for this project will allow Bluebird Media to support the provision of very affordable bandwidth to hospitals, clinics, laboratories, pharmacies, and physician offices. This connectivity is essential to advance the adoption and use of electronic medical records and the ability to initiate Regional Health Information Exchanges. This project is vital to advancing medical cost savings, expedited reimbursement capabilities, and supporting clinical information exchange.

We look forward to assisting our membership of health care providers, clinics and hospitals in working with Bluebird Media. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this grant request and letter of support.

Sincerely,

Kay Forest, President
Missouri Association of Rural Health Clinics



Missouri Primary Care Association

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March 22, 2010

Tatum Martin
BlueBird Media
213 North Stadium Blvd
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Dear Ms. Martin:

The Missouri Primary Care Association (MPCA), a membership organization of Community Health Centers, is pleased to submit this letter of support for Bluebird Media's application for the National Telecommunication and Information Administration, Broadband Technology Opportunities Program through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Bluebird Media is seeking federal funds for the construction of an ultra-high capacity "middle mile" network to serve Missouri's predominantly rural and underserved region, north of Interstate 70. This federal funding will allow Bluebird Media to construct a reliable, cost effective network interconnection to the "end mile - fiber to home" networks.

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The MPCA looks forward to assisting our membership of health care providers and Community Health Centers and in working with Bluebird Media and fully participating in the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this grant request and letter of support.

Sincerely,

Joseph Picrle
Chief Executive Officer

JEP/kma



March 22, 2010

Tatum Martin
BlueBird Media
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Dear Tatum:

The Missouri Hospital Association is pleased to support Bluebird Media's application for the National Telecommunication and Information Administration, Broadband Technology Opportunities Program through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Bluebird Media is seeking federal funds for the construction of an ultra-high capacity "middle mile" network to serve the rural and underserved region of Missouri north of Interstate 70. This federal funding will allow Bluebird Media to construct a reliable, cost-effective network interconnection to the "end mile - fiber to home" networks.

Federal funding for this project will allow Bluebird Media to support the provision of very affordable bandwidth to a wide variety of health care providers including hospitals, clinics and physician offices. This connectivity is essential to advance the adoption and use of electronic health records that will be required to meet "meaningful use" standards as proposed by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services and to implement the information technology infrastructure to initiate Regional Health Information Exchanges. This project is vital to advancing health system efficiencies and reimbursement capabilities, and supporting clinical information exchange.

Our member hospitals, and ultimately patients in their communities, will benefit from participation in the Broadband Initiatives Program. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Mary C. Becker
Senior Vice President

mb/jt



United Electric Cooperative, Inc.

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March 15, 2010

BlueBird Media
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RE: BlueBird Media Round Two BTOP Middle Mile Project

To Whom It May Concern:

United Electric Cooperative is submitting an application as a Last Mile Provider for funding under the RUS Broadband Initiatives Program. United proposes to provide service to rural, underserved communities in Northwest Missouri including parts of Andrew, Buchanan, Clinton, Dekalb, Gentry, and Nodaway counties.

Currently there is no affordable Middle Mile fiber network in our area and we are forced to either build expensive infrastructure to provide Internet PoP access for our customers (which isn't economically viable) or purchase these transport services from other carriers at a significantly higher cost.

Please accept this Non-Binding Letter of Intent as confirmation of our support of your Middle Mile BTOP Application and for your efforts to build a much needed Middle Mile Network in Northwest Missouri in order to provide reasonably priced regional transport and Ethernet services to Last Mile Internet Service Providers such as United Electric.

Furthermore, this Non-Binding Letter of Intent will serve to convey our intent to provide our communities with reasonably priced end-user broadband services to residential and businesses consumers in our service area and to consider purchasing regional Middle Mile transport and Ethernet services from your company, subject to successful funding, construction and completion of your Project, and according to pricing, QOS, and other mutually negotiated terms between our two companies.

Best Regards,

UNITED ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

Gene Dorrel
General Manager



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Ralls County Electric Cooperative

17594 Highway 19, P.O. Box 157
New London, Missouri 63459

March 16th 2010

To Whom It May Concern:

Ralls County Electric Cooperative is in support of the Blue Bird Media initiative to bring the state of the art communications to rural Missouri. Fast and reliable internet connections are the backbone of modern economic growth and are severally lacking in rural Missouri.

Ralls County Electric Cooperative is a trusted member of the community and has recently been awarded a RUS Broadband Stimulus Grant to provide high speed internet to our members as a last mile provider. We are however lacking adequate middle mile providers to supply large scale connectivity at a reasonable price. Blue Bird Media is attempting to build a much needed middle mile project that will provide the required bandwidth at prices our local providers can or will not provide.

We urge you to grant the necessary resources and approvals for this much needed service. Please feel free to contact our organization for any additional information.

Sincerely

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Daniel L. Strode
CEO/ General Manager
Ralls County Electric Cooperative
New London, MO 63459





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March 16, 2010

To: Grant Review Committee
Re: Bluebird Media Middle Mile Project

Co-Mo Electric Cooperative is applying for federal funding through the RUS Broadband Initiatives Program through the ARRA to construct a fiber to the home network to serve its severely underserved and disadvantaged service territory. This advanced fiber project will rely on a reliable, cost effective interconnection with a middle mile provider. It has come to our attention that Bluebird Media is seeking federal funds for the construction of an ultra-high capacity middle mile network in Missouri. Co-Mo Electric Cooperative enthusiastically supports Bluebird Media's middle mile fiber project and requests that much consideration is given to Bluebird Media's request for funding.

The price for bandwidth quoted by Bluebird Media to Co-Mo Electric would greatly decrease our operating costs in providing broadband to our area. This substantial savings in cost creates opportunity for Co-Mo to provide even lower cost internet and higher speed access to anchor institutions, businesses, and individuals. The very competitive pricing offered by Bluebird Media may allow us to provide a low income internet service, further promoting the increased usage of broadband in Central Missouri.

Our survey data indicates the two biggest barriers to broadband usage by our members are availability and price. The combination of Bluebird Media's middle mile project and Co-Mo Electric Cooperative's last mile project, ensure both of these barriers can be overcome. These projects are vital to job creation and ongoing economic growth in Missouri.

Sincerely,



Ken Johnson, CEO/General Manager

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March 23, 2010

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

RE: BlueBird

Dear NTIA:

As a fellow applicant for BTOP funding, we endorse the application of BlueBird (**Easy Grant #6519, Project Title: Northern Missouri Ultra-High Capacity Middle Mile**), who is seeking assistance through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, and the RUS Broadband Initiatives Program.

We have come to know BlueBird 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.

BlueBird has designed a project to construct an ultra-high capacity middle mile network throughout underserved and disadvantaged areas in North-Central Missouri. Their goal is to provide next generation bandwidth speeds at economically competitive prices.

Our hope is to interconnect a compatible South-Central network to BlueBird 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,



Gary L. Fulks
General Manager

March 19, 2010

Bluebird Media

Subject: Vendor Support Letter for BlueBird Media's Middle Mile proposal for the State of Missouri Application

Dear Tatum:

Alcatel-Lucent is pleased to provide this letter of support for BlueBird Media's application to the Broadband Technology Opportunity Program (BTOP).

Alcatel-Lucent USA, Inc. ("Alcatel-Lucent") is a world wide leader in building ultra-reliable communications networks for service providers, including Ethernet IP based network. Our role in a project such as that proposed by BlueBird Media would potentially include end-to-end systems integration work.

Alcatel-Lucent supports BlueBird Media's application as feasible both technologically and with respect to the build-out timeline included in the application, and Alcatel-Lucent is prepared to meet the needs of BlueBird Media's application commitments if the application is approved.

Again, Alcatel-Lucent supports BlueBird Media's BTOP application. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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March 26, 2010

Mr. Lawrence E. Strickling
Administrator, National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA)
Office of Telecommunications and Information Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
1401 Constitution Ave., NW, HCHB, Room 4887
Washington, D.C. 20230

RE: Northern Missouri Ultra-High Capacity Middle Mile – BTOP

Dear Administrator Strickling:

The principals of The Roberts Companies, Michael and Steven Roberts oversee one of the largest and most diversified business portfolios in Missouri. Portfolio sectors include real estate, hotels, broadcasting, entertainment, publishing and telecom. Roberts Tower Company was formed as a result of Roberts Wireless' merger with Alamosa PCS. Roberts retained ownership of communication towers in Missouri, Illinois, Kansas and Oklahoma. Anchor tower tenants include AT&T, Sprint PCS, Verizon, T-Mobile, and Cingular. However, as entrepreneurs, we are also proud to provide needed tower space to smaller regional and locally owned companies who provide wireless service within their service areas. Currently, each tower tenant is responsible for negotiating its own wireless backhaul and Internet PoP transport agreements with local fiber networks. Many of our towers are in rural locations. Consequently, due to a lack of high bandwidth, high QOS fiber providers, our tenants, especially our smaller tenants are forced to pay exorbitantly high rates from the few major providers for this much needed transport or are often forced to select a route with multiple handoffs, multiple hops, little redundancy and low QOS in order to keep bandwidth prices low.

This is especially true in Northern Missouri where a serious void exists for scalable, high-bandwidth, middle mile backbone fiber. This is the reason that The Roberts Companies is pleased to support the efforts of Bluebird Media to bring cost-effective, mega-bandwidth, fiber backbone for last mile service providers, homes, businesses and community anchor institutions through their Northern Missouri Ultra-High Capacity Middle Mile project.

When funded, this public-private partnership between Bluebird Media, Governor Nixon's MOBroadbandNow rural broadband initiative, MOREnet (The Missouri Research and Education Network), MoDOT (the Missouri Department of Transportation), will enhance broadband deployment in northern Missouri, and create cost-effective, scalable fiber infrastructure that will sustain economic development and job creation for future generations of rural northern Missourians. The Roberts Companies is pleased to add our name and our support to this impressive list.

We are currently in discussions with Bluebird Media about how Roberts Tower Company can take advantage of this fiber backbone for its customers. We are considering using our size and

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March 26, 2010

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economies of scale to negotiate a bulk bandwidth agreement with Bluebird Media which will enable us to offer our customers bandwidth prices per-megabit which are significantly less than they could purchase on their own.

In conclusion, we understand the business, economic and social need for this fiber network and strongly endorse this project. We offer this letter of support with the urgent understanding that if this project is not funded by this once-in-a-generation opportunity afforded by President Obama and ARRA, the high likelihood is that northern Missouri. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Michael V. Roberts
Chairman/CEO
The Roberts Companies

Cc: Mr. Anthony Wilhelm
Director, BTOP



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March 18, 2010

Chris J. Martin, P.E.
Chief Technical Officer
BlueBird Media, LLC
13620 Old Highway 40
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Subject: Motorola Letter of Supply to support ARRA Stimulus Funded Broadband Project

Dear Mr. Martin:

Motorola is pleased to support your efforts in applying for ARRA broadband funding. Motorola understands that BlueBird Media, LLC is applying for ARRA stimulus funding and may need to show that the equipment you are including in your application will be delivered to meet the "timely completion" aspects of the ARRA broadband funding programs. In regards to the BlueBird Media, LLC ARRA stimulus project, Motorola will provide the equipment specified below as part of your ARRA Stimulus project based on a conforming order being placed:

- Quantity PMP AP clusters (specific frequency TBD)
 - Quantity PTP Links (specific frequency TBD)
1. For existing products listed in Motorola price book and per communicated new product release schedules (e.g. PTP800 & PMP320), Motorola will deliver ordered products based on a scheduled order per a mutually agreed upon customer requested ship date (CRSD) schedule to meet the applicable AARA guidelines.
 2. The ET&S Wireless Broadband (WiBB) sales and product teams will work with BlueBird Media, LLC to ensure that the product demand is properly forecasted based on timely and accurate forecasting information provided by BlueBird Media, LLC once ARRA project deployment milestones are established for a particular funded project.
 3. Motorola will provide the equipment listed above in the indicated quantities; however, Motorola reserves the right to remove any or all items from the list by providing BlueBird Media, LLC Media forty-five (45) calendar days prior written notice. Upon the effective date of such notice, the Motorola supply commitment with respect to the items covered by such notice shall terminate. Motorola also reserves the right to provide price reductions at any time upon written notice, and to provide price increases that will become effective 45 days after written notice.
 4. All products provided under this letter will require a minimum lead time of 16 weeks in order to meet ARRA guidelines. This supply letter is only effective so long as BlueBird Media, LLC maintains a Service Provider (BlueBird Media, LLC) relationship contract with Motorola. In the event the BlueBird Media, LLC relationship or contract with Motorola is terminated, this supply letter shall automatically terminate. Further, in the event that a product is no longer available through the underlying contract between Motorola and BlueBird Media, LLC, this supply letter shall be deemed to have expired as to that product.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Scott French".

Scott French
MSSI Vice President and Sr. Director
Emerging Technology and Solutions Sales



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March 18, 2010

To: Grant Review Committee
Re: BlueBird Media Middle Mile Project

This letter is to support BlueBird Media's Middle Mile proposal for the State of Missouri. BlueBird Media is applying for federal funding to construct an ultra-high capacity middle mile network throughout underserved and disadvantaged areas in the State of Missouri. Their 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.

BlueBird Media has approached us to become a partner in this project. Working together, GlenMartin will provide all necessary tower and vertical infrastructure necessary for network deployment. We are excited to work together with BlueBird Media in their goal to substantially increase broadband access to underserved and disadvantaged Missourians. We actively support BlueBird Media's plan, and request that your consideration be given to funding this much needed project.

Since late 2008, our community has suffered because of the economic slowdown. GlenMartin is based in a rural town, located in Central Missouri. We are a registered women-owned company in the State of Missouri. We experience the same lack of broadband internet service that much of rural Missouri is coping with. As a result of our disadvantaged rural location, costly access to broadband internet, and the downturn in the economy, we were forced to layoff many in our staff. Our hope is that this project will revitalize our economy, and generating jobs for our local community.

GlenMartin is excited to work along with BlueBird Media, a group that is committed to expanding broadband infrastructure and high-speed internet access throughout underserved areas of Missouri. We believe that their plan to increase Broadband Internet access will benefit the citizens, businesses, and the State of Missouri. We would fully appreciate your consideration in funding this important project.

Sincerely,

Sandy Martin
President, WBE

CORNING

March 18, 2010

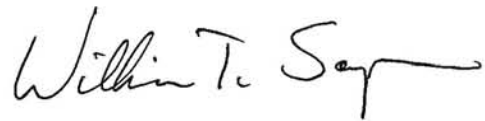
To: Grant Review Committee
Re: BlueBird Media Middle Mile Project

Corning Cable Systems (“Corning”) is excited to support BlueBird Media through the supply of Corning’s fiber optic cable for their upcoming middle mile project. We are proud to support this initiative that will bring bandwidth and advanced services to rural areas of Missouri.

As a worldwide market leader in its industry, Corning provides fiber optic cable and hardware products to some of the largest telecommunications carriers in the United States. As such, Corning is optimally positioned to timely provide BlueBird with the cable necessary for the project. We are prepared to provide the cable in a timely manner so that BlueBird can complete their project in the required timeframe. Corning’s optical fiber and cable offered for the project is state of the art technology and all made in the United States.

Please let us know if there is anything further we can do to help ensure a smooth implementation of this important initiative.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William T. Sawyer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

William Sawyer
Market Manager
Corning Cable Systems

MALY

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Thursday, March 18, 2010

BlueBird Media, L.L.C.
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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to confirm that Maly Commercial Realty will be the exclusive representative of BlueBird Media, L.L.C. during their proposed Middle Mile project. In this capacity, Maly Commercial Realty will be responsible for all matters relating to site acquisition, zoning, and permitting for BlueBird Media's broadband proposal for Northern Missouri.

Sincerely,



Jack L. Maher, Sr.
Broker-Officer
Office: (573) 443-3200

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Sincerely,

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Beau Aero
General Manager



1299 Industrial Park
Mountain Grove, Mo. 65711

Re: BlueBird Media


March 23, 2010

Boreflex Industries, Inc., a manufacturer of High Density Polyethylene Pipe, has been manufacturing in Mountain Grove, Missouri since 2005. The owners of Boreflex were prior owners of Ameriduct pipe manufactures, begun in 1999, also in the city of Mountain Grove, MO. Boreflex Industries purchased another manufacturer of pipe in 2008, headquartered in Memphis, TN, which helped Boreflex grow from an employer of 45 personnel to the now current 125, of which 65 reside in the State of Missouri. Boreflex Industries is currently expanding its product lines into the high pressure pipe market, which we anticipate will grow our business by at least 15 percent by the end of 2010. This expansion effort will be developed and maintained in Mountain Grove, Mo. The following is some financial information for Boreflex Industries, Inc.

- Boreflex Industries, Inc. has been incorporated in the State of Missouri since March 23, 2006.
- Missouri employees total 64, with a total number of employees totaling 125
- Boreflex Industries Missouri employees total payroll compensation for 2009 was in excess of \$3MM with total company payroll in excess of \$9MM
- Total sales revenues total \$75MM

Boreflex Industries is deeply rooted in the State of Missouri and will continue to support our local and State economy.

Regards,



Bert Bridges
VP Sales & Marketing

Boone County National Bank



March 25, 2010

Mr. R. Otto Maly
Bluebird Media LLC
213 N. Stadium BLVD, Suite 203
Columbia, MO 65203

Re: Middle Mile Network Project/Grant #6519

Dear Otto,

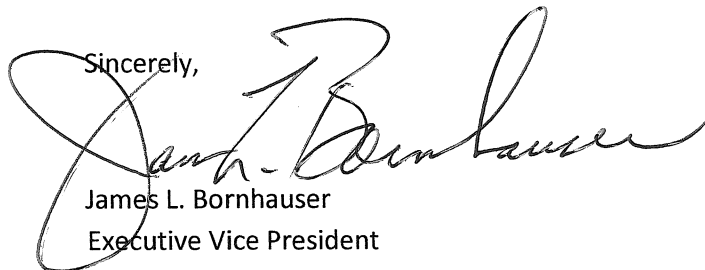
This terms letter is to confirm our interest and support in providing funding in the amount of \$9,158,000.00 for you to develop this project. The project appears to be worthwhile for Missouri citizens and will have a positive effect on customers of Boone County National and other affiliates of Central Bancompany.

I believe that your relationship with Boone County National Bank has been mutually rewarding and I know that your many business contacts will enable you to be successful with this project. Your integrity and excellent financial record will be a foundation for your future success.

Of course, any loan(s) that we would originate would be subject to all normal and customary underwriting guidelines as directed and approved by our Board of Directors and Central Bancompany. Any loan(s) would be subject to any federal or state governmental agency with jurisdiction over Boone County National Bank to be aggregated for purposes of applying legal lending limit regulations.

I appreciate the opportunity to offer support for you and this project. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 573-874-8588.

Sincerely,



James L. Bornhauser
Executive Vice President

March 24, 2010

Bluebird Media LLC
EZ Grant Number: 6519

Dear National Telecommunication and Information Agency,

SUBJECT: Letter of Support for Bluebird Media LLC

Cogent Communications, Inc. confirms that it has entered into a Network Services Contract with Bluebird Media LLC pursuant to which Bluebird Media LLC will be purchasing IP Transit from Cogent to support their project.

Cogent Communications (NASDAQ: CCOI) is a multinational, Tier 1 facilities-based ISP, consistently ranked as one of the top five networks in the world. Cogent specializes in providing businesses with high speed Internet access and point-to-point transport services. Cogent's facilities-based, all-optical IP network backbone provides IP services in over 140 markets located in North America and Europe.

Sincerely,



Maurizio DiPietro
VP of Sales

Keller & Company PC, CPA

1714 Paris Road
Columbia, Missouri 65201

March 25, 2010

Dear Sir or Madam:

I write to inform you that my office provides accounting services for BlueBird Media L.L.C., its various affiliated entities, as well as other business ventures of managers and principals for BlueBird Media L.L.C. It has come to my attention that during the various application processes being undertaken by BlueBird, there have been requests for audited financial statements or descriptions of why such statements are unavailable. Given the nature and character of BlueBird Media L.L.C. as a “start-up” venture, there is no financial information from which to create said reports. As such, it is not possible for my office to provide them.

That being said, despite BlueBird Media’s classification as a “start-up company” I am of the opinion that BlueBird Media is a fiscal sound company that is more than qualified for the extension of a line of credit or a loan. In support of this position, I would point to the fact that the principals have already invested personal equity and are currently in negotiations with financial institutions such a Boone County National Bank in an effort to secure further funding for BlueBird Media, L.L.C. Additionally, I would refer you to the various agreements already in place between BlueBird Media and various private and governmental bodies for the provision of mid-mile broadband services by BlueBird. Lastly, my many years as the primary financial advisor for the assorted business ventures of the principals has given me sufficient knowledge of both the business acumen and fiscal responsibility of the organizers of BlueBird Media, L.L.C. As such, I have no reservations endorsing both the leadership and credit-worthiness of BlueBird Media, L.L.C. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



Calvin Keller, C.P.A.

Keller and Company PC, CPA



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Professional Engineering Corporation
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Easy Grant #: 6519
BlueBird Media
213 N. Stadium Blvd.
Suite 203
Columbia, Mo. 65203

March 26, 2010

Marcel Services has reviewed the scope and design of this network located in North Missouri. We provided numerous recommendations in the overall network architecture and layout. Marcel Services looks forward to supporting BlueBird Media in the upcoming state wide build. We will be supporting BlueBird Media in a variety of engineering services including:

- Route Design/Detailing
- GIS Design and Data Collection
- Facility Design and Layout
- Server and Hardware Configuration Design
- Facility Grounding
- Shelter Rack Design and Electrical Layout
- Backup Power Design
- Environmental Impact Studies and Geotechnical Reporting
- Permitting and Document Submittals
- Project Management and Coordination
- Microwave Route Design and Link Budget
- PTP and PTMP Propagation Analysis
- LAN Planning
- Structural Design
- Inspection and Quality Assurance
- Testing and Provisioning

We look forward to serving BlueBird Media as we bring true 21st Century broadband services to the rural communities of Mid Missouri.

C.J. Martin, P.E., CTO

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REVIEWED

By Christopher J. Martin, P.E. on 03/26/10, Mar 26, 2010



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March 23, 2010

To: Grant Review Committee
RE: Bluebird Media Middle Mile Application

As a fellow applicant for BTOP funding, we are pleased to endorse the application of Bluebird Media (**Easy Grant #6519, Project Title: Northern Missouri Ultra High Capacity Middle Mile**) who is seeking assistance through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, and the RUS Broadband Initiatives Program.

We have come to know Bluebird Media 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.

Bluebird Media has designed a project to supply Ultra-High capacity middle mile bandwidth throughout many underserved and disadvantaged Central and Northern areas of Missouri. Their goal is to provide next generation bandwidth capacities at economically competitive prices.

Our hope is to interconnect the Boycom's Southeast Missouri middle mile project fiber network to Bluebird at their PoP in Union Missouri. This will give the Boycom Middle Mile project access to reasonably priced bandwidth at wholesale prices and dark fiber access to a carrier hotel at 900 Walnut, in St. Louis, Missouri to provide a seamless, open access, transparent network to the severely economically depressed areas of Southeast Missouri.

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

Sincerely

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Patricia Jo Boyers
President
Boycom Cablevision



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Chris J. Martin, P.E.
Chief Technical Officer
Glen Martin, Inc

Dear Mr. Martin:

Access Fiber Group (AFG) is currently in the final planning stages for the construction of approximately a 2 mile 288 fiber ring in St. Louis. The fiber ring is targeted to light 8 buildings shown on the map and listed below. AFG intends to interconnect this ring to BlueBird Media and other carriers at 900 Walnut St. and provide dark fiber and other local services in St. Louis. AFG is currently filing for and expects to be granted CLEC status in 45 to 60 days. Construction of the network is planned for completion in late summer.

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|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Carrier Interconnection | 900 Walnut St. |
| Bank of America Tower | 100 N. Broadway |
| Laclede Gas Bldg. | 720 Olive St. |
| Equitable Bldg. | 10 S. Broadway |
| St. Louis Place | 200 N. Broadway |
| Gateway Tower | 1 Memorial Dr. |
| 515 Olive St. | 516 Olive |
| Shell Bldg. | 1221 Locust St. |

AFG is headquartered in Birmingham, Alabama has built dark fiber networks in Birmingham and Anniston, Alabama, Nashville, Tennessee, Charlotte, North Carolina and Milwaukee, Wisconsin. In addition to the planned ring in St. Louis, AFG has plans to complete network in 7 additional markets by year-end 2010.

Ed Fleming

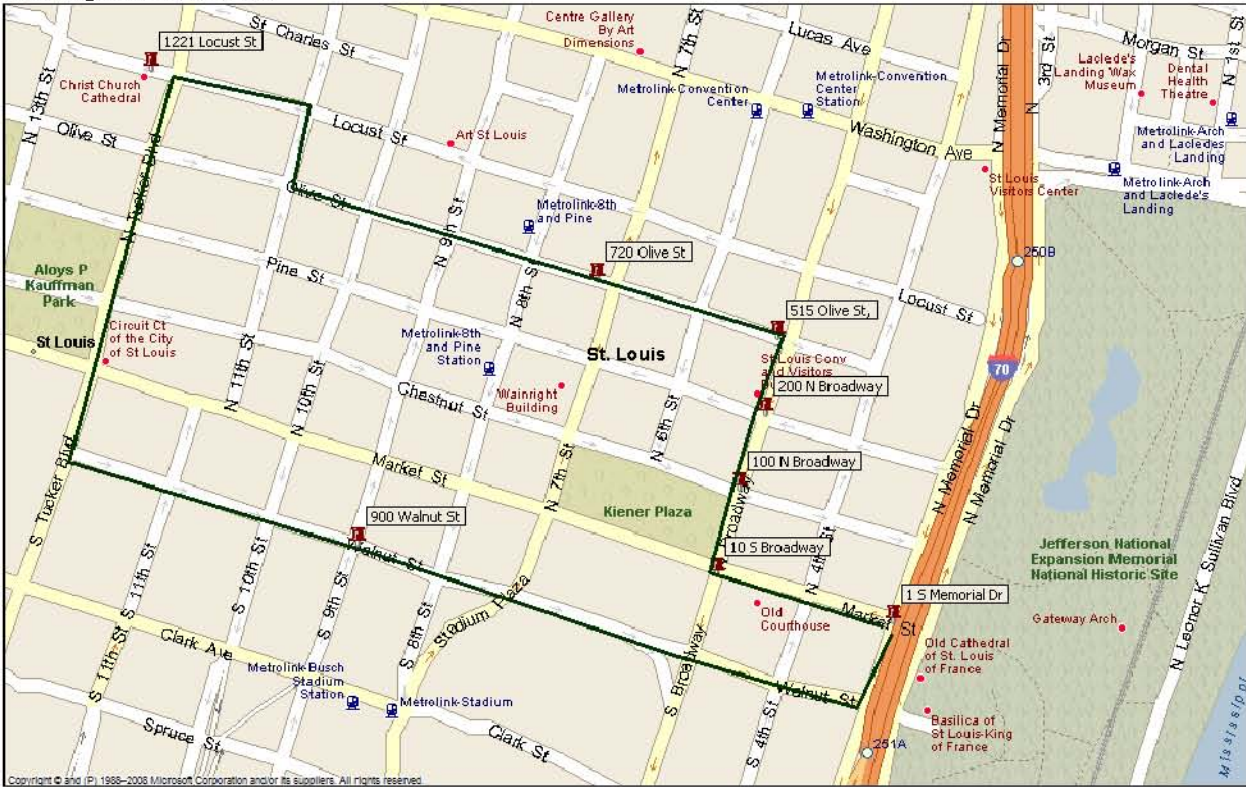
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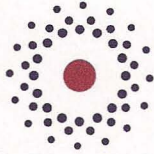
VP Business Development, Midwest Region
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March 25, 2010

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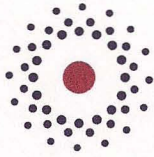
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Columbia, MO 65203

RE: Support of GigaBeam Wireless Offerings

Dear Sir or Madam:

GigaBeam is pleased to offer for consideration our support and our FCC licensed, layer I full duplex offering (Gi-CORE) to BlueBird Media for both existing projects and those under consideration. The GigaBeam FCC Licensed, JF-12 and TIC Certified 1Gbps. offering (Gi-CORE) in the 71-76 and 81-86GHz. spectrum is of proven design and is in use on a commercial basis with over 400 installations globally making GigaBeam the most widely deployed radio platform in the 70/80GHz. RF band. In terms of the product specifications, please note the following;

- GigaBeam's technology is a layer I solution, can be added to any network topography and will work seamlessly with any commercially available network management tool. Additionally, the GigaBeam offering can be isolated from an existing deployed and operating switch.
- The Gi-CORE offering provides Forward Error Correction (FEC) and has an SNMP v.2c MIB-II compliant agent with roughly 300 variables to manage and monitor radio health.
- GigaBeam offers ATPC (Automated Transmit Power Control) which increases the availability of links up to one (1) mile by increasing the system power to overcome ran events and ensure the 1Gbps remains in effect.
- GigaBeam can deploy in as little as five (5) days and is ideally suited as an alternative to physical fiber because of our speed of deployment and our ability to address and resolve right-of-way and geographically difficult obstacles. With a GigaBeam deployment, there is no trenching, lengthy construction or endless permit processing cycles.



G I G A B E A M

I welcome you to contact the following GigaBeam customer for reference purposes.

Robert Clairmont – Compass Medical

“Robert Clairmont has achieved ROI w/ GigaBeam solution (< 7 months.) Solution has performed without failure. I have achieved my ROI with the GigaBeam “wireless fiber” solution in less than 7 months as anticipated. The solution has survived torrential rain, heavy snow, high winds, and ice without failure (a typical New England Fall and Winter). At this point the project cannot be described as anything other than a success.”

The complete blog –

<http://robertclairmont.wordpress.com/2010/02/06/robert-clairmont-has-achieved-roi-wgigabeam-solution-7-months-solution-has-performed-without-failure/>

Mr. Clairmont can be reached at robert.compass@dynadev.com

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about GigaBeam and the services we provide. My info is below.

Sincerely,

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