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Wisper ISP and Sho-Me Technologies Announce Agreement to Expand Internet Access for Rural Communities in Missouri

Mascoutah, IL. – April 2020 – Wisper ISP, Inc. and Sho-Me Technologies announce they have signed an agreement aimed at bridging the gap between internet access and many rural communities in Missouri. This arrangement will provide Wisper access to Sho-Me Technologies' existing fiber optic network that spans 4,200 route miles.

Wisper is an Internet service provider with 16,000 current subscribers across Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Missouri, and Oklahoma. One third of these subscribers reside in Missouri. Wisper plans to focus a large portion of their resources toward continued expansion in Missouri. According to Broadband Now, Missouri currently ranks as the 42nd state in internet coverage.

Rural residents in Missouri are anxiously waiting for a reliable, high-speed internet connection as it will impact their day to day lives. Reliable, high-speed internet brings opportunity. It allows residents to connect with loved ones, earn an education, access telemedicine, work from home, increase business efficiency, pursue entrepreneurship, and more. Access to these opportunities will encourage people to move to rural communities. All these factors will play a part in improving the economic stability for these areas.

Sho-Me Technologies has been operating an advanced, regional fiber optic network since 1997. "Missouri cooperatives have always been motivated by finding new ways to help improve the lives of their member-owners," said John T. Richards, CEO & General Manager of Sho-Me. "We are happy to work with Wisper to help extend broadband service to many of the unserved and underserved areas of rural Missouri."

When asked about this latest network expansion, the CEO of Wisper Internet, Nathan Stooke said, "Wisper is excited about our agreement with Sho-Me Technologies as increasing expansion efforts in Missouri has been on our radar for some time now. Efficient expansion efforts aren't possible without strategic allies and we believe Sho-Me was the best 'man' for the job. The future of internet access in Missouri looks bright."



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Sho-Me Technologies is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Sho-Me Power Electric Cooperative. They provide data transport services in Missouri.

Wisper ISP, Inc. brings unlimited high-speed internet to customers in both rural and metropolitan communities. Wisper customers receive fast, reliable service and friendly, helpful customer service. Wisper connects you when others can't.

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