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## **Mission Statement (What):**

Through public / private partnerships, THE SOUTHERN TIER NETWORK strives to enrich the quality of life in regions we serve by providing quality open access through high speed broadband connections.

## **Guiding Principles (Why):**

- enable economic development in the region by attracting industry and encouraging the development of additional employment and job opportunities,
- enable enhanced scientific and educational research for universities, colleges, and schools encouraging economic growth
- enable the retention of existing businesses and industries,
- provide fiber infrastructure for perpetual, reliable and compliant county emergency management (E – 911) systems
- enable improved communications among health care professionals and providers
- expand broadband services to the rural and underserved markets in the region
- lessen the burdens of government
- enable collaboration and healthy partnerships with the private sector enhancing affordable service offerings throughout the region

## **OBJECTIVES YEARS 2015 - 2018:**

- provide infrastructure for carriers/service providers to introduce new and enhanced services into the communities we serve
- successful partnership with Yates County government officials building-out open access fiber throughout their County

- successful extension of the STN open access dark fiber network in support of the mission and goals of the Southern Tier Regional Economic Development Council
- establish connectivity with other regional networks that may emerge across New York State
- create opportunities for the Southern Tier region to be globally competitive by offering high-speed fiber infrastructure
- establish a multi-county Public Safety Governance Committee to coordinate interoperability initiatives
- expand a reliable customer base enabling long-term operational sustainability