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Mission Statement (What):

Through public / private partnerships, THE SOUTHERN TIER NETWORK strives to enrich the quality of life in the communities we serve by providing reliable open access fiber optic infrastructure at low cost and high speed.

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