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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 1 - 3:

- provide a low cost, high speed reliable fiber infrastructure throughout the three Counties'
- connect municipalities and schools to the infrastructure
- provide reliable infrastructure to emergency management towers
- connect to Access Ontario
- offer an open access model

- provide infrastructure for carriers/service providers to introduce new and enhanced services into the communities throughout the three county region

OBJECTIVES YEARS 3 & Beyond:

- establish connectivity with other regional networks, opening-up transport to Binghamton markets and beyond
- create a globally competitive three county region through high-speed fiber infrastructure
- establish a reliable customer base enabling operational sustainability by year 5