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PUBLIC NOTICE

The U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration (EDA) is considering a request for Federal assistance from Southern Tier Central Regional Planning & Development Board to construct a Diverse, Redundant, High-Capacity Fiber Network in Chemung, Schuyler and Steuben Counties. Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), EDA is conducting an assessment of the potential of the proposed project to affect the environment and/or historic properties. Notice is hereby given that the project is proposed to be located in, or may affect, a floodplain and/or wetland as defined by Executive Order (EO) 11988 and/or EO 11990.

The project includes the hanging of fiber for 83.5 miles on existing utility poles for 82.1 miles and the trenching and underground of fiber for 1.4 miles on the GST BOCES campus property in the Town of Elmira Heights, NY. The project will be located at in nine locations throughout the Chemung, Schuyler and Steuben Counties including the following:

1. BOCES Building 11 diversity – 1.461 miles of aerial high-speed dark fiber
2. BOCES Building 4 diversity – 1.358 miles of underground (required due to location) high speed dark fiber
3. Chemung St. to Lattibrook Rd (Elmira) – 2.2 miles of aerial high-speed dark fiber
4. Elmira diversity to run down Jerusalem Hill Rd – 4.6 miles of aerial high-speed dark fiber
5. Rt. 427 & CR. 60 to connect at state boarder in Waverly, NY / Sayre, PA – 16.5 miles of aerial high-speed dark fiber (this will connect to existing Bradford County, PA county-wide broadband network)
6. Ithaca to Watkins Glen – 32.3 miles of aerial high-speed dark fiber completing the ring to keep Schuyler County redundant.
7. Branchport to Pulteney – 13.3 miles of aerial high-speed dark fiber – approximately 5 miles will cross the border of Steuben County and into Yates County. This portion of the network will be paid for with matching funds (EDA) rather than ARC).
8. Perkinsville Diversity - 4.7 miles of aerial high-speed dark fiber.
9. Ithaca to Guthrie clinic – 7.1 miles of aerial high-speed dark fiber keeping all Guthrie Healthcare Systems redundant and in business.

Project information is available for review at Southern Tier Central Regional Planning & Development Board Offices located at 8 Denison Parkway East, Suite 310, Corning, NY 14830 or by calling the offices at: 607-962-5092.

If you have any information regarding potential impacts to historic properties or environmental resources including wetlands or floodplains associated with this proposed project please provide it in writing to:

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Comments received in the EDA Regional Office by 5:00 pm eastern on September 2, 2019 will be considered. A copy of the NEPA/NHPA decisional document will be available upon request at the above EDA Regional Office.

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