



AFL Joins Allied Fiber's Dark Fiber Community
Community Connects AFL with Optical Transport Decision Makers

SPARTANBURG, S.C. – August 9, 2011 – [AFL](#), an industry-leading provider of fiber optic products and integrated services, has joined the [Dark Fiber Community](#), an online community created by [Allied Fiber](#). The community seeks to connect key vendors with buyers that are planning to build and deploy optical transport networks.

Allied Fiber's unique online platform provides information about AFL and its capabilities. Via the site (<http://dark-fiber.tmcnet.com>), users can learn more about AFL products and services, contact a representative directly, or set up virtual meetings with potential buyers through the Dark Fiber Community's [DealCenter](#) feature.

"AFL is a welcome addition to the Dark Fiber Community network," states Hunter Newby, CEO of Allied Fiber. "We look forward to AFL providing its expertise on broadband and fiber optic engineering, products and services to the over 100 community members."

"More and more industries now rely on fiber optic networks to deliver critical information quickly and securely," continues Steve Polidan, National Sales Manager for AFL. "The Dark Fiber Community is an excellent way for AFL to expand our reach and connect with potential buyers."

Since its inception in 1984, AFL has engineered and manufactured fiber optic cable and accessories for a variety of industries, including telecommunications, broadband, and electric utility. Today AFL offers a full end-to-end optical transport solution along with engineering expertise to ensure a successful implementation of these networks.

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About AFL:

AFL provides industry-leading products and services to the electric utility, broadband, communications, OEM, enterprise, wireless and transit rail markets as well as the emerging markets of oil and gas, mining, nuclear, avionics, medical, renewable and intelligent grid. The company's diverse product portfolio includes fiber optic cable, transmission and substation accessories, outside plant equipment, connectors, fusion splicers, test equipment and training. AFL's service portfolio includes market-leading positions with the foremost communications companies supporting both the central office and outside plant areas.

Founded in 1984, AFL is proud to offer engineering expertise, exceptional products and reliable service that help our customers improve their critical and electrical infrastructure. AFL has operations in the U.S., Mexico, Europe and Asia. The company is headquartered in Spartanburg, SC, and is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Fujikura Ltd. of Japan. For more information, visit www.AFLglobal.com.

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About Allied Fiber

Allied Fiber owns, builds and will operate its own network-neutral, fiber optic cable system, connecting sub-sea landing points, cell towers, data centers, carrier hotels, colocation huts, enterprise buildings, schools and governments with next generation, long-haul and short-haul dark fiber. This necessary dark fiber network, planned to united along its route the continental United States, is created to address America's need for more broadband access, wireless backhaul, data center distribution and lower latency communications services. Allied Fiber is employing the most advanced fiber optic cables in its multi- duct dark fiber system to meet the ever increasing bandwidth demands for wireless, Video over IP and other advanced technologies thus enabling the development of the Global Broadband Economy for the United States. For more information, please visit www.alliedfiber.com.

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