



Allied Fiber Partners with NEF to Facilitate Its Dark Fiber Network Planning and Sales Orders

NEW YORK, New York (January 11, 2011) – [Allied Fiber](#) announces today that the company has partnered with [NEF, Inc.](#) to facilitate order processing, verify network requirements, provide needs assessments and finalize contracts. NEF, one of the nation's top telecommunications brokerage and consulting firms, designs custom connectivity solutions and maintains a leading telecom database, FiberLocator®, which maps over 100 fiber providers, 130,000 lit buildings and 1200+ data centers throughout the US. The partnership with NEF is a result of the enormous interest in Allied Fiber's carrier-neutral fiber infrastructure model.

Allied Fiber is addressing the needs for increasing national broadband demand by providing much needed access to new dark fiber, colocation facilities and fiber-fed wireless towers on a network-neutral, open-access basis throughout the United States. The user community for these physical-layer services ranges from submarine cable systems, large international and domestic wireline and wireless carriers and network operators to small rural carriers, cooperatives, cable television companies and data center operators.

"NEF was selected based on their expertise, relationships and robust technology tools, including FiberLocator®, a network intelligence and mapping software platform encompassing hundreds of high capacity network providers," states [Hunter Newby](#), CEO of Allied Fiber. "We look forward to this partnership as we move through the design completion and execution stage of customer orders."

"NEF has nearly two decades of experience designing and deploying high bandwidth solutions," states Mike Murphy, President of NEF. "NEF will serve as both a processing agent for orders in queue as well as a sales and marketing entity for new orders on Allied Fiber's network. Allied is building a next-generation fiber route that is critical to network growth in the US, and NEF is excited to assist in executing this plan."

Through the unique capabilities of NEF's FiberLocator®, prospective buyers gain access not only to the Allied Fiber system, but also other regional and metro fiber networks that feed in to Allied Fiber. This provides a complete picture for those in need of last mile, middle mile, short-haul and long-haul dark fiber and lit services. Based upon the evident customer demand, the first phase of the Allied Fiber system will now provide a combined 744 dark fibers and nineteen 1000+ square foot colocation facilities. These facilities will provide access for numerous data centers and hundreds of tower sites, all integrated into one system from one provider, creating a new standard for physical layer interconnection. Building new, shortest path, physical duct and fiber routes combined with modern fiber will allow lower latencies as well as higher capacities to be achieved between these points. For more information, please visit www.alliedfiber.com.

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About Allied Fiber

Allied Fiber was created to address America's need to eliminate obstacles for broadband access, wireless backhaul and lower latency through new, next generation long-haul dark fiber and an open access philosophy. The Allied Fiber team is comprised of experts in the fields of communications, network construction and finance. They are dedicated to building and providing access to an abundant supply of dark fiber in areas where it is most needed. The first phase of new duct and fiber construction will be between New York, NY, Ashburn, VA and Chicago, IL. For more information, please visit www.alliedfiber.com.

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About NEF

NEF, Inc., is one of the nation's top telecommunications brokerage and consulting firms, offering a combined 60 years of industry experience and a proven methodology for providing its customers with the best networks, information and pricing available. NEF can provide a broad spectrum of products from dark fiber solutions to high bandwidth, fully managed optical services. Through their many partners and carrier relationships, NEF designs custom connectivity solutions and maintains a leading telecom database, FiberLocator, which maps over 100 fiber providers, 130,000 lit buildings and 1200+ data centers throughout the US. For more information, visit www.NEFiber.com.

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