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Sidera Networks and Allied Fiber Announce Strategic Network Partnership

Collaboration gives Allied Fiber access to the fastest, most reliable connectivity to key data centers and provides Sidera access to dark fiber for network expansion and enhancement

New York – May 19, 2011 — [Sidera Networks](#), the premier provider of fiber optic-based network solutions, today announces its partnership with [Allied Fiber](#) to access Allied Fiber’s dark fiber network in New Jersey and Virginia. In return, Allied Fiber’s clients can leverage Sidera’s Xtreme Network for the fastest, most reliable network connectivity from Piscataway, New Jersey to New York, New York.

Sidera’s Xtreme Network provides ultra low-latency connectivity to key exchanges and data centers in New Jersey and New York. Since its [launch](#) in September 2009, financial institutions throughout Sidera’s footprint have leveraged access to the Xtreme Network to gain a significant competitive advantage. This relationship will enable both the expansion of Sidera’s Xtreme Network within New Jersey and the enhancement of Sidera’s network along the mid-Atlantic corridor. Allied Fiber’s dark fiber network in Virginia offers Sidera the ability to create a secondary route to this region, giving its clients added diversity which enables greater network resiliency.

“To expand our leadership in delivering high quality, low latency connectivity, it is important that we establish strategic relationships with carriers who share our philosophy and capabilities,” said Mike Sicoli, CEO of Sidera Networks. “Our collaboration with Allied Fiber is a key component in addressing the strong demand we are seeing for access to our Xtreme Network and maintaining our latency advantage. Customers throughout this region require first-class reliability, low-latency and high bandwidth capacity, and we look forward to continuing to support their needs.”

Allied Fiber is in the process of a five-phase project to design, build and operate a carrier-neutral dark fiber network connecting local, regional, national and international networks to major telecommunications hubs. This network plan was created to address America’s need for more broadband access, wireless backhaul, data center distribution and lower latency communications services. With access to direct connectivity from Piscataway, New Jersey to New York, New York through Sidera’s Xtreme Network, Allied Fiber’s clients can receive low-latency access, backed by industry-leading SLAs to key data centers in Jersey City and Weehawken, New Jersey.

“Our mission is to simplify access to first-class dark fiber connectivity throughout the country and to collaborate with network professionals, such as Sidera, that can deliver a competitive advantage to our clients,” said Hunter Newby, CEO of Allied Fiber. “These relationships will benefit our customers on several fronts and play an integral role in our strategic plan to develop a nationwide fiber network.”

With this agreement, Sidera Networks has also become a member of Allied Fiber's [Dark Fiber Community](#), an online resource with more than 85 members formed in response to the rising demands for dark fiber products and services.

About Sidera Networks

Sidera Networks, www.sidera.net, is the premier provider of tailored, high capacity communications services to carrier and enterprise customers. Sidera Networks offers a comprehensive suite of facilities-based services including: Ethernet, SONET, Wavelength, Internet Access, Colocation and more. With a fiber-optic network leveraging unique rights-of-way that spans from Maine to Virginia, out to Chicago and up to Toronto, Sidera is committed to delivering cost-effective, custom solutions coupled with superior industry expertise, service and support.

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 unite 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.