

## **Development Authority of the North Country Telecommunication Division Interconnection Policy**

The Development Authority of the North Country's (Authority) proposed middle mile fiber backbone project will meet and comply with the NOFA non-discrimination and network interconnection policies.

**Non-discrimination** – The Authority will meet or exceed the requirements set forth by the FCC's Internet Policy Statement, FCC 05-151, adopted August 5, 2005, regarding non-discrimination and actively encourages broadband deployment and the preservation and promotion of the open and interconnected nature of the public Internet.

**Interconnection** – The Authority's predominantly middle mile service offering will be high-capacity, point-to-point private line transport services. The Authority will not manage or limit the content of communications traffic transiting Authority's network, except to the extent necessary to maintain reliable service. The Authority's network management practices will not involve preferential routing of traffic on the basis of content or provider. The Authority will utilize neutral traffic routing, and will enable connections to other carriers and to the public Internet.

The Authority currently provides points of interconnection at several central offices, as well as Tier 1 Internet POP locations. The Authority's proposed project will increase by six (6) the number of locations at which our network will interconnect to other carriers and services providers.

The Authority will continue to interconnect with other carriers to exchange traffic at these locations and other network nodes. The Authority will negotiate with bona fide requesting parties to use facilities constructed to support this project to sell those parties wholesale transport services on negotiated, commercially-reasonable terms and conditions.