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Access Ontario Welcomes New CEO, Names New Board Members

Canandaigua, N.Y., Nov. 2, 2011 — Access Ontario, the non-profit public-benefit corporation that oversees the 200-plus-mile fiber optic ring in Ontario County, is pleased to announce that Sean Barry, who was recently named chief information officer for Ontario County, has also taken the reins as chief executive officer of Access Ontario. The organization has also named two new members to its board of directors, former Access Ontario CEO Ed Hemminger and former Ontario County Administrator Geoff Astles.

Mike Ward, chairman of Access Ontario, said the organization is pleased to have Barry join the organization as CEO. Barry previously served as software engineering supervisor at Victor-based Gorbel Inc., where he worked for 13 years. He received a bachelor's degree from the University of Notre Dame, and a master's degree in business administration from Rochester Institute of Technology, where he specialized in management information systems.

"Sean is highly capable and has gotten up to speed very quickly in terms of our organization and the direction we're going in," Ward said. "His private-sector experience

will be a great asset as we work to encourage more local businesses to sign on to the fiber ring in 2012 and beyond.”

Access Ontario is also pleased to have Hemminger and Astles re-join the team, Ward said. Hemminger retired as Ontario County CIO and Access Ontario CEO in June, while Astles stepped down as Access Ontario’s board chairman in January in advance of his retirement from the county, also in June.

“We’re very happy to have Ed and Geoff back,” Ward said. “Their wealth of institutional knowledge will be vital as we develop our business outreach plans in the weeks and months ahead.”

About Access Ontario

Imagine where fiber technology can take us. Access Ontario has. With an open-access, dark-fiber infrastructure and a non-profit approach — serving as an example for a national model — the 200-plus-mile fiber ring has Ontario County on the fast track to greater economic development, better quality of life, and global competitiveness. By providing this critical source for advanced connectivity and increased flexibility through quicker, more affordable broadband, businesses and organizations, as well as residents, will have improved capabilities like never before.

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