



## **Southern Telecom Announces Network Fiber Initiative in Southeast US**

**ATLANTA - October 16, 2017** – [Southern Telecom, Inc.](#) (STI), a subsidiary of Southern Company, announces new underground fiber routes and colocation facilities are being planned and constructed as part of a network fiber strategy across the Southeast. Existing cables will be replaced with new underground fiber featuring increased capacity, higher fiber counts and state-of-the-art technology to enable more flexibility for STI's current and future customers.

STI is constructing and evaluating several new routes around the Southeast. There are over 600 miles currently under construction, primarily as part of joint projects. The company is also seeking route joint build partners and customers for other existing routes and potential greenfield projects.

"We are constantly evaluating routes and are committed to offering our customers and partners the very best dark fiber and colocation services in the Southeast," says [Barry Navarre](#), Business Development Manager for STI. "As part of our network fiber ~~replacement~~ strategy, we'll be enhancing current routes and introducing new ones through strategic partnerships."

The STI team will be attending The INCOMPAS Show, October 15 – 17 in San Francisco. To request an onsite meeting, please email [jsa\\_STI@jsa.net](mailto:jsa_STI@jsa.net).

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### **About Southern Telecom**

Southern Telecom, Inc. is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Southern Company that provides long-haul and metropolitan dark fiber connecting Atlanta with other cities throughout the Southeast. The company also provides network elements such as access to rights of way, conduit, neutral co-location, and other related maintenance services. Southern Telecom is certificated as a telecommunications provider in Alabama, Florida and Georgia and at the Federal level. For more information about Southern Telecom, visit [www.southern-telecom.com](http://www.southern-telecom.com).

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