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**ASSEMBLYMAN PETE LOPEZ PARTNERS WITH LOCAL
COMPANIES TO BROADEN HIGH-SPEED INTERNET ACCESS**

Albany, NY- April 7, 2011 - BRUCE BOHNSACK EXCERPT (full press release is available at <http://assembly.state.ny.us/mem/Peter-D-Lopez/story/42122>)

Bruce Bohnsack, CEO of Gtel, Inc. (formerly Germantown Telephone) – a provider of broadband-based Internet, communications and entertainment services in Southern Columbia County – and also a principal owner of ION, mirrored Jason’s observations. He stated, “It is only through strategic partnerships with other local telephone companies throughout the state that access to the amount of Internet bandwidth demanded by our fiber-to-the-home customer base is possible. In our rural network, voice, video and data services all require an ever-increasing amount of bandwidth that is only possible and affordable through our investment and partnership in ION. It’s a wonderful example of established New York-based companies investing in and building out New York’s fiber-based broadband infrastructure.”