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## **OFS' ANDREW OLIVIERO ELECTED AS TIA'S FIBER OPTICS LAN SECTION (FOLS) CHAIR**

Arlington, VA, February 6, 2007: The Fiber Optics LAN Section (FOLS) of the Telecommunications Industry Association (TIA) has elected its slate of officers for 2007. FOLS serves as an educational resource, providing information to users about the benefits of fiber in customer-owned networks. Visit FOLS at [www.fols.org](http://www.fols.org) to access the organization's newly updated, free cost model, or to read case histories, fiber FAQs and standards updates.

Andrew Oliviero, Senior Product Manager, Optical Fiber at OFS was elected as Section Chair. "Andrew is an excellent choice to lead the Fiber Optics LAN Section," said Dan Harman, Chair in 2006. "After serving as our Vice Chair in 2006, Andrew is already an integral force in our ongoing initiatives and brings a true understanding of both market needs and FOLS objectives." Harman added that "Andrew is a noted authority in the industry who speaks frequently at conferences. He brings both technical expertise and applications knowledge to the leadership of the FOLS, which will help the Section better answer the concerns and questions that users face when they make their infrastructure decisions. In addition, Andrew has played a key role in furthering our influence and relations with BICSI, an initiative that our members feel is critical."

"I am honored to lead the FOLS," said Oliviero, "especially at a time when we see so much interest in the use of fiber for customer-owned LANs. In 2006, we saw end-users begin to embrace the use of fiber-specific architecture such as Fiber-to-the-Telecom Enclosure, as they began to see how they could combine high performance and low cost in a standards-compliant architecture. We believe that this momentum will continue in 2007.

Now in its 14th year, FOLS was originally founded to provide information on the use of fiber

in the backbone and horizontal portions of premises networks. More information on the use of fiber can be found on the FOLS Web site at [www.fols.org](http://www.fols.org).

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The Fiber Optics LAN Section focuses on educating end users and influencers about the technical advantages and affordability that optical transmission brings to local area networks and fiber-to-the-desk applications. FOLS members are leading fiber cable, component and electronics companies. Visit the FOLS at [www.fols.org](http://www.fols.org).

The Telecommunications Industry Association is the leading trade association for the information, communications, technology (ICT) industry. As co-owner of NXTcomm, TIA serves ICT suppliers and their service provider customers through its leadership in standards development, domestic and international policy advocacy, and facilitating member business opportunities. TIA represents the communications sector of the Electronic Industries Alliance (EIA). For more information, go to [www.tiaonline.org](http://www.tiaonline.org).

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OFS is a world-leading designer, manufacturer and provider of optical fiber, optical fiber cable, connectivity, FTTx and specialty photonics solutions. Our marketing, sales, manufacturing and research teams provide forward-looking, innovative products and solutions in areas including Telecommunications, Medicine, Industrial Automation, Sensing, Government, Aerospace and Defense applications. We provide reliable, cost effective optical solutions to enable our customers to meet the needs of today's and tomorrow's digital and energy consumers and businesses.

OFS' corporate lineage dates back to 1876 and includes technology powerhouses such as AT&T and Lucent Technologies. Today, OFS is owned by Furukawa Electric, a multi-billion dollar global leader in optical communications.

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