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Two Technology Execs Join Access Ontario Board

Mark Tolbert and Johnny Walker lend industry expertise to board

Canandaigua, N.Y., Sept. 25, 2013 — Access Ontario is pleased to announce that Mark Tolbert, President of TOPTICA Photonics, Inc., and Johnny Walker, Executive Vice President of Systems Maintenance Services' Enterprise Services Group, have joined the organization's board of directors.

Tolbert joined the TOPTICA group in 2006 as the director of OEM sales. Since 2007, he has led Victor-based TOPTICA Photonics, Inc. as president and CEO of U.S. operations located in Victor and Silicon Valley.

Previously, he was director of business development at EXFO Burleigh Instruments where he developed various OEM and R&D markets for automation, nanotechnology, telecom and biophotonics markets. He began his career in plastic optics at Germanow-Simon Corp.

As a community volunteer, Tolbert has been active with the Fishers Fire Department for more than 20 years and served as a fire chief for nine years. He resides in Bloomfield, where he is a member of the school district's parent teacher student association and is active with the school board.

Walker is Executive Vice President of Global Enterprise Services and is responsible for leading the global engagement management office for Charlotte, NC-based Systems Maintenance Services' Enterprise Services Group. Prior to this, Walker worked at Hewlett-Packard where he focused on the financial services business and IT solutions as part of the corporate services division. Earlier in his career, he was a principal at Whittman-Hart, a global IT consulting organization.

Walker resides in Victor and is actively engaged in local charities. In 2011, he assisted his son in creating a local charity, "Christmas Kids," focused on providing toys, coats, boots, and more to families residing in Ontario County that require a warm heart in times of need.

"We are very pleased to have Mark and Johnny with us on the board of directors," said Donna Reeves-Collins, board chair of Axxess Ontario. "They bring a wealth of experience that will help Axxess Ontario as we continue to grow and develop our network."

About Axxess Ontario

Imagine where fiber technology can take us. Axxess 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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