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## SERTEX AWARDED \$1.58M CONTRACT TO EXPAND SOUTHEASTERN VERMONT COMMUNITY-OWNED FIBER NETWORK

*New project will extend DVFiber to connect more rural homes and businesses in five towns by August 2026*

**Plainfield, CT – [January 13, 2026]** — [Sertex Broadband Solutions](#), a leading provider of fiber optic infrastructure services throughout the Northeast, has been awarded a \$1.58 million contract to expand Vermont's [Deerfield Valley Communications Union District](#) (DVFiber) fiber-to-the-home (FTTH) network across five towns in southeastern Vermont. The expansion project includes approximately 60 miles of new fiber construction in West Brattleboro, Dummerston, Marlboro, Newfane, and Guilford, Vermont.

The new contract builds on Sertex's long-standing partnerships with DVFiber and [Great Works Internet](#) (GWI) to build the initial GPON FTTH network, which delivered high-speed internet to nearly 5,000 locations, including 4,290 previously unserved or underserved premises. The initial deployment began in May 2023 and was completed in 2025. Construction for network expansion will begin immediately, with anticipated completion in August 2026.

“We are excited to keep this project moving forward and happy to be working with Sertex for another year,” said Patrick Moreland, Executive Director of DVFiber. “Their proven performance in challenging environments has been critical to our ability to expand our network across the rural terrain of southeastern Vermont.”

### Project Scope and Timeline

The expansion will roll out in three phases through August 2026:

- **Phase 1:** Backbone and Fiber Service Areas (FSAs) in Marlboro and Guilford (**18.39 miles**).
- **Phase 2:** Backbone and FSAs in Dummerston, including underground construction along North Pond Road (**15.58 miles**).
- **Phase 3:** FSAs in Newfane and West Brattleboro, along with backbone segments (**24.10 miles**).

Once completed, the expanded infrastructure will support DVFiber's mission of providing universal, affordable, high-speed broadband access to rural and historically underserved communities.



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## Building on Proven Performance

The initial DVFiber network constructed by Sertex encompassed more than 300 miles of FTTH infrastructure and required specialized off-road equipment to access more than 30% of poles in remote areas. Sertex deployment services included One-Touch Make-Ready (OTMR), messenger strand installation, backbone, feeder, and distribution fiber, fiber distribution hubs, POP facilities, service terminals, and fiber splicing with EXFO-certified testing of the entire network. After expansion, the network will include 360 miles of FTTH infrastructure.

“We’re proud to continue supporting DVFiber’s vision through these new phases of construction,” said Michael Solitro, CEO and Founder of Sertex Broadband Solutions. “This award underscores the trust we’ve earned by delivering complex fiber builds in challenging environments and restoring service quickly when outages occur.”

## About DVFiber

Established in 2020, DVFiber is a community-owned Communications Union District dedicated to providing universal, affordable, and reliable high-speed internet service throughout southeastern Vermont. Its mission is to support economic development, education, healthcare access, and quality of life regardless of geography or income.

Learn more at [www.dvfiber.net](http://www.dvfiber.net).

## About Sertex Broadband Solutions

Sertex Broadband Solutions is a regional leader in fiber optic network deployment with more than 30 years of experience serving telecommunications, utility, and municipal customers. Recognized as an **FTTH Top 100 company**, Sertex specializes in building resilient digital infrastructure that connects unserved and underserved communities across challenging terrain.

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