

FastLinks/SSSi Application Profile: Schenectady, NY

Designed and installed a redundant wireless link between Ellis hospital's two facilities 1 mile apart. The system consisted of a 1000Base-FX (1.25Gbps, full duplex capable) free space optic (FSO) link w/ licensed, 100BaseT (100Mbps, full duplex capable) RF backup link. Ellis Hospital was expanding the operations in its remote facility that required high bandwidth connectivity. They first explored a dedicated fiber connection, but found it to be too costly. As a result, the purchase of the redundant wireless system not only provided them with ample bandwidth between their sites, but also showed a payback of less than 18 months versus a fiber connection.



FYI – The Hospital is named for John Ellis, founder of the Schenectady Locomotive Works, after family members bequest \$25,000 to help build the hospital in 1891. When it first opened it was a 30-bed facility.

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