



Southern Tier Logistics Drives Regional Economic Resurgence with Siemens Mobility

By Southern Tier Logistics' Jeff Granger



In one of the most meaningful economic developments for the Elmira-Corning region in decades, Siemens Mobility will launch a state-of-the-art, high-speed rail manufacturing facility at the Southern Tier Logistics Business Park in Horseheads, New York. This project marks a significant milestone in repurposing the long-undeveloped Southern Tier Logistics site, formerly known as The Holding Point, The Center at Horseheads, and Host Terminal, positioning the Southern Tier as a new hub for advanced transportation manufacturing in the United States.

The Most Recent Update

Site construction is underway, and progress is visible on the site and from as far away as NYS Route 14 to the West. Further infrastructure investments are ongoing, and final construction is progressing toward full completion ahead of initial construction goals. The facility will total nearly 300,000 sq. ft., with infrastructure support from Chemung County, the Chemung County Industrial Development Agency, and New York State's FAST-NY and Empire State Development programs.

What Siemens Will Produce

Once operational — with production expected to begin in the latter half of 2026 — Siemens Mobility's new facility will manufacture the American Pioneer 220, the cor-

nerstone trainset for Brightline West's high-speed rail project. This ground-breaking initiative aims to provide true high-speed rail service connecting Las Vegas, Nevada with Southern California — a first-of-its-kind project in the United States.

The American Pioneer 220 is designed to operate at speeds exceeding 200 miles per hour, offering modern rail travel with cutting-edge digital technology and comfort features. The facility will serve as North America's first dedicated high-speed rail manufacturing site, building these trainsets from components to full assembly on American soil.

Jobs and Workforce Impact

A major local benefit of Siemens' investment is job creation. The new plant is projected to employ around 300 skilled workers, and in collaboration with the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAM), these will include high-quality union positions such as:

- Electro-mechanical assemblers
- Quality control and testing engineers
- Industrial production specialists
- Project and supply chain managers
- Logistics coordinators

The partnership signals Siemens' commitment to cultivating a local workforce with

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Interesting Ohio History

Charles Kettering of Loudenville, OH was an American inventor, engineer, businessman, and the holder of 186 patents. He was a founder of Delco, and was head of research at General Motors from 1920 to 1947. Among his most widely used automotive developments was the electrical starting motor. He was also responsible for the invention of Freon refrigerant for refrigeration and air conditioning systems, and development of the first practical colored paints for mass-produced automobiles. He also developed the world's first aerial missile along with the advancement of two-stroke diesel engines, revolutionizing the locomotive and heavy equipment industries.

Spotlight January Winners:

Bowling Green, Columbus, Fostoria #1, Fostoria #3, & Ottawa, OH

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long-term career pathways in advanced manufacturing — a boon for labor markets across Chemung County and the broader region.



What Siemens' Presence Means for the Elmira/Corning Region

Siemens' decision to build here in the Southern Tier is more than just a facility opening — it reflects a broader economic revitalization trend for the Southern Tier Logistics Business Park and the Elmira/Corning region as a whole.

1. A Strategic Economic Anchor

For decades, the Southern Tier Logistics Business Park sat largely underutilized, despite its proximity to rail, highway infrastructure, and the Elmira-Corning Regional Airport. Siemens' arrival, combined with the recent Platinum Designation by Redi Sites — a national standard for assessing site readiness, has dramatically shifted perceptions of the park as a destination for advanced manufacturing and logistics, boosting interest from other businesses and signaling confidence in the region's competitive advantages.

2. A Growing Transportation Manufacturing Cluster

With other rail-related manufacturers already established nearby — including CAF USA in Elmira Heights and Alstom in Hornell — the Southern Tier is rapidly gaining a reputation as a transportation manufacturing cluster. This concentration attracts suppliers, ancillary service providers, and workforce talent, creating a multiplier effect that extends far beyond the plant walls.

3. Long-Term Prosperity and Community Investment

Local leaders emphasize that Siemens' project will do more than bring jobs; it will enhance quality of life by expanding the local tax base, contributing to workforce training programs, and stimulating demand for housing, services, and small businesses through-

out Chemung County.

Looking Ahead

As Siemens brings high-speed rail manufacturing to the heart of the Southern Tier, the region stands poised for a new chapter of economic opportunity. The Southern Tier Logistics Business Park is no longer just a tract of land with potential — it is becoming a nationally significant production center, part of America's infrastructure renaissance and a source of pride for the Elmira and Corning communities.

"We're excited about the upcoming launch of the Siemens Mobility operation," said Angela Hawken, Vice President of Southern Tier Logistics. "This project aligns precisely with the long-term strategy for the Southern Tier Logistics Business Park. Siemens will generate meaningful ripple effects — supporting local suppliers, strengthening the tax base, and driving sustained economic activity across the region. It's exactly the type of anchor investment our long-term strategy is designed to attract."

Overall, Siemens' investment not only elevates the Southern Tier's industrial profile, but also symbolizes what can happen when corporate synergies, private capital, and public planning converge for strategic growth.

Siemens Mobility

An Overview

Siemens Mobility is a global transportation company specializing in rail technology, intelligent traffic systems, and turnkey mobility solutions. A subsidiary of Siemens AG, the company designs and manufactures locomotives, high-speed and regional trains, signaling systems, and rail electrification infrastructure. Siemens Mobility also develops digital platforms that improve rail operations, enhance passenger experience, and increase network efficiency. With projects spanning Europe, North America, Asia, and beyond, the company plays a key role in modernizing public transit and freight transportation. Its focus on sustainability and innovation supports safer, smarter, and more environmentally friendly mobility worldwide.

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Knowing Your U.S. History



The Boston Massacre was a deadly confrontation between American colonists and British soldiers on March 5, 1770, in Boston. Tensions had been rising for years as Britain imposed taxes such as the Stamp Act and the Townshend Acts to pay debts from the French and Indian War. Many colonists resented these taxes because they had no representation in Parliament.

On that cold evening, a crowd of colonists gathered around British soldiers stationed outside the Custom House. Angry words were exchanged, and the colonists reportedly threw snowballs, ice, and debris. Amid the chaos, the soldiers fired into the crowd, killing five men. One of the victims, Crispus Attucks, became a symbol of resistance and is often remembered as the first martyr of the American Revolution.

The incident was widely publicized by colonial leaders, including Samuel Adams, who used it to rally opposition against British rule. Although only five people died, the event intensified colonial anger and helped set the stage for the American Revolution.

In the wake of the tragedy, many colonists displayed deep patriotism and unity. They organized meetings, wrote pamphlets, and supported one another in boycotting British goods. Their growing sense of shared identity and determination to defend their rights strengthened the movement for independence.



Liz Witt Presents At Bowling Green State University



Last month, Ohio Logistics' Liz Witt presided over a presentation to students in Bowling Green State University's MGMT 3300 class. The purpose of the presentation was to explore the impact of the Trump Administration tariffs on supply chains, researching affected countries, products, and company costs using library resources and employer interviews. Teams were developed to analyze a specific company's tariff-related challenges, proposed solutions with pros and cons, and delivered recommendations backed by clear reasoning. The evening also featured networking with employers and

peers, followed by the Spring 2026 Supply Chain Management Institute meeting at Bowling Green's Schmidthorst College of Business, which included dinner and a career presentation. Liz was praised for outstandingly representing Ohio Logistics, while inspiring 160 students with her professionalism and insight.

JoLynn Long Celebrates 20 Years!



*JoLynn is congratulated by Chuck Bills.
Thanks, JoLynn, for all of your hard work and
making us look good for 20 years!*

Test Your Logistics IQ:

1) A long-term relationship between a buyer and a supplier characterized by teamwork and mutual confidence. The supplier is considered an extension of the buyer's organization. The partnership is based on several commitments. The buyer provides long-term contracts and uses fewer suppliers. The supplier implements quality assurance processes so that incoming inspection can be minimized. The supplier also helps the buyer reduce costs and improve product and process designs.



2) The practice of placing a value on the profit generated by business done with a particular customer.



3) A technique in which a DRP system traces demand for a product by date, quantity, and warehouse location.



4) A payment rate one railroad makes to use another's cars.



March Dates of Importance:

March 6 - Employee Appreciation Day
March 8 - Daylight Savings Begins
March 17 - St. Patrick's Day
March 20 - Start of Spring
March 29 - Vietnam War Veterans Day

Answers to "Test Your Logistics IQ"

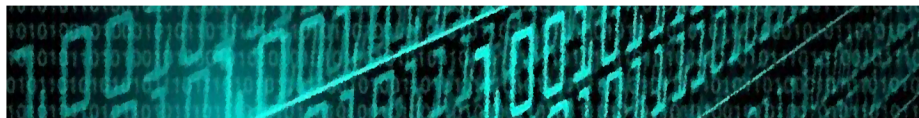
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Tech Talk



Blockchain is a way to keep digital records that everyone in a group can see, but no one can secretly change. Instead of storing information in one central place, it is shared across many computers. When something happens—like a payment or transfer—it gets recorded in a "block." Each new block connects to the one before it, creating a chain of records. Once information is added, it is

very hard to erase or edit, which makes it secure and trustworthy.

Blockchain is most famous for powering cryptocurrencies like Bitcoin, but it is also used to track products in supply chains, protect medical records, and create secure online agreements without needing a middleman.



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Meet Dianne Salyga

Dianne is a 9-month Associate and Team Lead for Building 9 in our Southern Tier Division. Read below to learn more about Dianne.



OL: Tell us about your family.

Dianne: I am married to my wife of 29 years and we have four children and 10 grandchildren.

OL: How do you like to spend your free time?

Dianne: In the winter/school months I enjoy watching my grandchildren play sports. In the

summer months I enjoy spending time at the local asphalt race tracks and visiting beaches.

OL: If you were given \$5,000 to spend on something you want, but don't need, what would it be and why do you want it?

Dianne: A vacation for my family, because I enjoy spending time with them and to look back at the memories as they last a lifetime.

OL: If you wanted to impress someone by cooking them a meal, what would you prepare?

Dianne: I would make my famous porcupine meatballs with a garden salad as it is my entire family's favorite meal.

OL: Tell us about the best vacation you've ever taken.

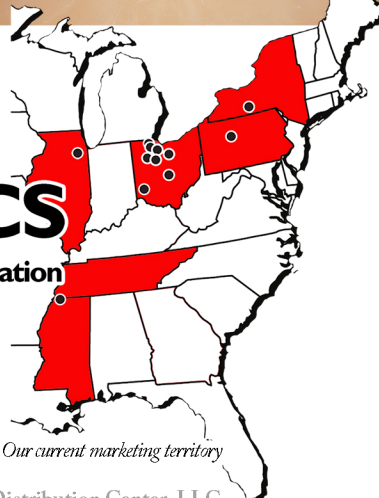
Dianne: The best relaxing vacation I have ever taken was when my wife and I went to the beach for two weeks by ourselves.

OL: Where is your favorite escape within 100 miles of home?

Dianne: Wherever there is water.

OL: Tell us something about yourself that most people don't know.

Dianne: Most people do not know that I was in the Army.



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*"The man who does not value himself,
cannot value anything or anyone."*

- Ayn Rand -

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It's Your Anniversary!

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Skylynn Aldrich 4 Years
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