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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **TIOGA COUNTY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

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### **TCDC President/CEO Elected President of Statewide Economic Development Association**

The Pennsylvania Economic Development Association (PEDA) Officers began serving their 2009 term on January 1, 2009. Robert J. Blair, President/CEO of the *Tioga County Development Corporation (TCDC)* was elected President and will serve a 2 year term. The 2009 officers were presented at its Fall Conference held October 15-17, 2008 in Blue Bell, Pennsylvania and elected by the PEDA Board of Directors on December 15, 2008.

“Tioga County has been very fortunate to have such a strong advocate in Bob. The fact that he has received the respect and confidence of other economic development professionals across the commonwealth reflects positively on Tioga County, almost as much as it does personally on Bob. His leadership on PEDA will keep the needs of Rural Pennsylvania and Tioga County in particular in the spotlight at the state level. We, at the Tioga County Development Corporation, congratulate Bob on his achievement and will support him in every way that we can.” stated Cummings about his appointment.

PEDA is the premiere statewide economic development organization representing economic development professionals. It currently has 381 Members from throughout Pennsylvania. Blair has been a PEDA Member for 31 years joining PEDA in 1978 while employed by the Northern Tier Regional Planning & Development Commission (NTRPDC).

Serving with Bob will be 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Linda Nitch (Lawrence County EDC); 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, David Black (Harrisburg Regional Chamber & CREDC); Secretary/Treasurer Pamela Shupp (Berks Economic Partnership); and Immediate Past President J. Patrick Killian (Delaware County Department of Commerce). Blair will also serve on the TEAM Pennsylvan!a Foundation Executive Committee and Board representing PEDA.

TCDC President/CEO Blair is very active in PEDA and has served as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and Membership Chair. Blair has served as President/CEO of TCDC since March 1994. He has thirty four years economic development experience in Pennsylvania and New York State.

“These are challenging times of the national, state and local economies. PEDA must lead the charge to encourage the Commonwealth to commit public funds and resources in assisting our businesses to grow and expand. We can only overcome these tough economic times through the private sector. The public sector must have the resources to assist our businesses. It will be a challenging two years during which time we will be electing a new governor. We look forward continuing our relationship with the Department of Community and Economic Development and Legislature to meet the needs of our Members and our businesses throughout the Commonwealth” noted Blair.

“I thank the PEDA Members and Board of Directors for their vote of confidence. We have a great Executive Committee and Board and I know we will continue to make PEDA an advocacy statewide economic development organization. I also thank the Board of Directors and staff of the Tioga County Development Corporation for allowing me to pursue this prestigious state position.” Blair concluded.



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