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TIOGA COUNTY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

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Ward Manufacturing LLC contributes \$13,500 to Assist Public Schools' Career Development Initiatives

On September 22, 2010, Tioga County Public Schools received some financial support towards Career Development Initiatives from Ward Manufacturing LLC. Ward Manufacturing LLC made a contribution of \$13,500 to help support the educational needs of our students through the Pennsylvania Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program (EITC). The check was presented to the *Tioga County Foundation*, the charitable arm of the *Tioga County Development Corporation* by Pete Guidi Jr., President and CEO of Ward Manufacturing LLC.

Ward Manufacturing LLC, headquartered in Blossburg, PA, is the second largest supplier of pipe fittings in the United States as well as a multi-million dollar supplier of custom castings and gas meter parts. Through this program and others, Ward Manufacturing LLC continues its work to strengthen the economic heart and soul of Tioga County. Ward Manufacturing LLC has been a long-time contributor to the EITC program. The *Tioga County Foundation* has been designated as an educational improvement organization under the Pennsylvania Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program (EITC), businesses may now make contributions to support the public school districts in our local area.

"Education is the path to success in this ever-changing world that we have before us. On behalf of all our employees, Ward is proud to support the public education system in Tioga County by contributing to the EITC program." said Pete Guidi, President/CEO Ward Manufacturing LLC.

The funds are used to support local innovative educational programs for the schools in Tioga County. The *Tioga County Foundation* is currently using these tax credit funds to support local career development and school to work efforts within our three (3) public districts. The EITC authorizes the award of Tax Credits to businesses that make contributions to scholarship organizations and/or educational improvement organizations contained on a list published by the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED). A "contribution" from a company is a donation of cash, personal property or services.

For more information on how your company can participate in the Pennsylvania Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program (EITC) in Tioga County, please contact Christie Blackwell, Leadership Development Coordinator at the *Tioga County Development Corporation*, (570)723-8232, 114 Main Street Wellsboro, Pennsylvania.

PICTURE CAPTION

L to R: Karen Russell, TCDC First Vice Chairman; Kathy Peoples, Payroll & Benefits Administration Manager, Ward Manufacturing LLC and Robert J. Blair, TCDC President/CEO.

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