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MEDIA RELEASE

TIOGA COUNTY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

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Ward Manufacturing LLC contributes \$25,000 to Assist Public Schools' Career Development Initiatives

On October 21, 2011 Ward Manufacturing LLC made a contribution of \$25,000 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*.

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.

“Only an educated workforce can compete in the global economy in which we now compete. All of us at Ward are proud to support the public education system in Tioga County by continuing our contributions 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: David E. Cummings, *TCDC* Chairman; John Spangler, Ward Manufacturing LLC CFO and Robert J. Blair, *TCDC* President/CEO.



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