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Technical Training Center Concept being Explored for Tioga County Senator Scarnati Secures \$50,000 Feasibility Study Funds

David E. Cummings, Chairman of the *Tioga County Development Corporation*, announced the award of a Grant for the possible development of the *Tioga County Technical Training Center*. "Pennsylvania *Senator Joseph B. Scarnati* has notified *TCDC* of the award of a \$50,000 Community Revitalization Program (CRP) Grant through the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development (DCED) for the *Tioga County Technical Training Center*."

The *Tioga County Technical Training Center* would be a training center with the ability to provide hands-on applied worker training for those industries involved in identifying specific needs for their employees, such as welding, industrial mechanics, electrical maintenance, etc. Training programs would be short term certification sessions for a small group of employees from an industry or a group of industries with the same training needs. The Center will provide educational, vocational and occupational opportunities directly related to the economic and occupational needs of the business & industry sector and career development needs of our youth. The *Tioga County Technical Training Center* would play an instrumental part in the retention and creation of new manufacturing jobs in Tioga County.

The need for technical training was highlighted at the *TCDC*'s Town Meeting on May 4, 2000 at the *Pennsylvania College of Technology/North Campus*. **US Congressman John E. Peterson** challenged the county to become involved in advanced technical training. For several months the *Tioga County Technical Educational Ad Hoc Committee*, through the *Tioga County Development Corporation*, has been involved in this direction. The Committee comprised of *David E. Cummings*, R. James Dunham, *C. Frederick LaVancher*, Robert Cox Jr. and *Robert J. Blair* have met with several organizations, school districts and individuals to investigate technical education career development opportunities in Tioga County, including a meeting in September with Congressman Peterson. Kevin Abrams, Executive Director, *Northern Tier Regional Planning & Development Commission* (NTRPDC); *Erick J. Coolidge*, Tioga County Commissioner; and *Bill Williams*, Vice President/Human Resources at *Ward Manufacturing, Inc.* have contributed greatly to this concept. It was presented to the *TCDC* Board of Directors on November 8, 2002 and received the Board's endorsement.

The Feasibility Study & Curriculum Design Plan for the *Tioga County Technical Training Center* is the first step in determining the need and viability of the Center becoming a reality. It will involve a Needs Assessment of Business & Industry; creation of a Curriculum; and identify and develop a Preliminary Site Design Concept Plan. The concept of the Center was first explored by the *Northern Tier Regional Planning & Development Commission* based on the North Central Regional Planning & Development Commission's (NCRPDC), Industrial Training Education Center (ITEC) in Ridgway. A Site Visit involving 27 Tioga County leaders was conducted on January 29, 2003.

"Senator Scarnati's Office contacted us on November 13, 2002 requesting we submit a Grant Application to assist in the Feasibility Study. By the end of the day an Application for \$50,000 was in the mail. Unsolicited, the Senator responded to our needs and we reacted immediately to his request. This was made possible through the groundwork which led up to the concept of the Center. We commend and thank the Senator for his assistance to Tioga County," noted Chairman Cummings. "I am pleased to have been able to secure this funding for the *Tioga County Development Corporation*," said Senator Joseph B. Scarnati. "It is vital the State continues to make resources available for the development of organizations right here in rural Pennsylvania."

An Advisory Council and four Committees (RFP; Business & Industry Survey; Physical Location & Existing Training Components; and Curriculum Development) has been formed. Two meetings have been conducted in the formulation of the Councils and Committees and work assignments identified. Anyone interested in being involved should contact *TCDC*.

TCDC Elects Board Officers for 2003 – 2004

The Board of Directors at our Regular Monthly Meeting on December 13, 2002, elected a Slate of Officers for 2003-2004. The following Officers assumed office on January 1, 2003 and will serve through December 31, 2004.

Chairman	<i>David E. Cummings</i>	<i>Betterment Organization of Mansfield (BOOM)</i>
1st Vice Chairman	<i>Karen Russell</i>	<i>Keystone North, Inc.</i>
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Secretary	<i>Robert J. Blair</i>	<i>Tioga County Development Corporation</i>

Effective January 1, 2003 the Board of Directors of the *Tioga County Development Corporation* are: **Brenda Abplanalp, Cathy Canniere, Donald Carman, Erick J. Coolidge, David E. Cummings, Diann DeCamp, Thomas Freeman, Dr. John R. Halstead, Karen Russell, Raymond Kaminski, Charles L. Kenyon, Karl Kroeck, C. Frederick LaVancher, Gary A. Mosher, Leo Parchesky, David Rundell, Wendy S. Swartz, Patty Vlajic, Bill Williams, Philip Wood and Mary E. Worthington.**

DAVID E. CUMMINGS PRESENTS ANNUAL CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS TO TCDC BOARD

"Economic Development" - a complex term when you think of all the aspects that economic development encompasses. When we think of the condition of our economy, we tend to think of our national economy in the global marketplace, the stock market, or our Commonwealth's economy in comparison with other states in the nation. How does the economy of Tioga County compare? As you recall, in the decade of the 1990's Tioga County was the 10th fastest growing county in the Commonwealth in job creation percentage and manufacturing jobs grew by 32% while Pennsylvania's manufacturing employment decreased by 10%. **Economic Development exists in Tioga County.**

TCDC has helped secure nearly \$30 million in public loan financing resulting in more than \$100 million in private investment. TCDC has generated almost \$1.5 million in income for the Corporation through grants, contracts, fees, memberships and contributions. Nearly 250 businesses, organizations and individuals support TCDC through memberships. **Economic Development has been working hard in Tioga County.**

The **49 CORRIDOR Enterprise Zone** has increased manufacturing jobs by 83%, has had a 55% increase in real estate taxes, and currently has more than \$1 million in a revolving loan fund which will perpetuate growth and development in the years to come. **Economic Development is succeeding in Tioga County.**

Leadership Tioga County is developing our greatest resource, our people. By training, educating, enlightening and honing the skills of our participants, we develop future leaders to continue the mission. **Economic Development has a future in Tioga County.**

Economic Development has never been more important for Tioga County. It is the key to the future of Tioga County and its residents, and TCDC's role is vital. I commend the staff of TCDC . . . Bob, Lillian and Carolyn . . . the work they do in economic development, grant writing, workforce development, leadership and education is outstanding. I also commend TCDC's Board of Directors. Each and every one of you has contributed to the success of this organization. We are now challenged to continue to grow support for the mission of the corporation, both financially and with involvement. And with our dedication, we can keep . . .

Tioga County... a place to call home."

TCDC Board Retreat Conducted at New Corps of Engineer Community Center

On February 26, 2003 the Board of Directors of the *Tioga County Development Corporation* conducted a Board Retreat at the new **Corps of Engineers** Community Center at the Ives Run Facility. **Linda Williams**, private Training Consultant and **Elaine Hickey**, Executive Director of Community Services at **Laurel Health System** facilitated the Retreat for the Board. Each February the Board conducts an afternoon and evening Retreat to review operations of the Corporation and to set the agenda for the coming year. The new **Leadership Tioga County** logo was unveiled at the Board Retreat .

Three PEDFA Applications Approved to begin 2003

Tyoga Container Company, Inc., Dr. Robert Strohecker & Associates, LTD & Mountaineer Development Group Plan Economic Development Projects

On January 10, 2003 the Board of Directors of the *Tioga County Development Corporation* approved the submission of three (3) PEDFA Loans totaling \$6,700,000 which will result in the retention of 53 Jobs and the creation of 66 new employees.

Tyoga Container Company, Inc.

Tyoga Container Company, Inc., project to the Pennsylvania Economic Development Financing Authority (PEDFA) for Taxable Bonding Financing for **\$3,500,000** will be used to purchase Machinery & Equipment for a new process and the restructuring of existing debt. Tyoga Container Company, Inc., was formed and incorporated in 1970 in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as a C Corporation. It is the only manufacturing company located in the Borough of Tioga. Ownership of the Corporation was through the founders John Ruvolo, Ralph Ruvolo and Irene Jensen. Effective January 2003 Ownership will be retained by Sharon L. Frysinger, Susan A. Grimaldi, Sandra Ruvolo and Anthony Clayberger. Daily operations are conducted through the management team headed by Vice Presidents Charles Frysinger and Larry Grimaldi. The Company manufactures corrugated packaging products. The company employs 44. **Citizens & Northern Bank** is the local participating bank. The PEDFA Loan was closed March 25, 2003.

Dr. Robert Strohecker & Associates, LTD

Dr. Robert Strohecker & Associates, LTD, proposes to make an application to the Pennsylvania Economic Development Financing Authority (PEDFA) for Taxable Bond Financing in the amount of **\$600,000**. Proceeds will be used to finance the renovation of a historic commercial two story building with 12,000 sq ft; and for the refinancing of the purchase and renovations of the storefront located at 8 South Main Street, Borough of Mansfield, Tioga County, Pennsylvania. The *Tioga County Development Corporation* is serving as the Applicant for the PEDFA Financing. Dr. Robert Strohecker & Associates, LTD, was formed and incorporated on March 28, 1996, in Pennsylvania as a C Corporation. Dr. Robert Strohecker & Associates, LTD will own and operate a multi tenant business complex which will include the Optometry Offices of Dr. Strohecker. He has owned his Optometry practice in Mansfield since 1991 when he purchased the practice of Dr. Richard Ottaviani. The facility is the former historic T. W. Judge Furniture Store. Present employment is 9. Employment will be 20 within three years. The mailing address is 8 South Main Street, Mansfield, Pennsylvania 16933. **First Citizens National Bank** is the local participating bank. The PEDFA Loan was closed March 25, 2003

Mountaineer Development Group

Mountaineer Development Group proposes to develop a shopping center with Pennsylvania Economic Development Financing Authority (PEDFA) **Taxable Bond Financing** in the amount of **\$2,600,000**. Proceeds will be used to purchase land and finance the construction of a commercial shopping complex located in the Borough of Mansfield, Tioga County, Pennsylvania. Mountaineer Development Group is being formed and incorporated in the State of Pennsylvania. Mountaineer Development Group will construct a 30,000 sq ft commercial mall on 6.05 acres with 7 to 9 stores along US Business Route 15. Present employment is 0. Employment will be 20-50 within three years. Ownership of the Corporation is Janet & Edward Astaire and Steven M. & Jodi Johnston. The project was rolled over into the next PEDFA Round as the company secures a local participating bank and develops more of its project.

PEDFA Training to be Conducted in Northern Tier of Pennsylvania

The *Tioga County Development Corporation* and the *Northern Tier Regional Planning & Development Commission* in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Economic Development Authority will conduct PEDFA Training on April 24, 2003 in Tioga County. The Training will take place at the **Pennsylvania College of Technology/North Campus** beginning at 9:00 AM.

April 24, 2003 9:00 AM—11:00 AM
Pennsylvania College of Technology/North Campus

Economic Development News in Tioga County . . .

GOVERNOR RENDELL Conducts Regional Economic Forum in Tioga County

Governor Edward G. Rendell spent February 28, 2003 at the *Pennsylvania College of Technology/North Campus* in Tioga County at one of eleven regional Economic Forums designed to set the agenda for his Economic Stimulus Program for Pennsylvania. On January 24, 2003, nearly 90 business and community leaders from seven counties in Northern Tier and North Central met at *Mansfield University* for a Strategic Planning Session to set the agenda topics for the Governor's Regional Forum.

For over four and one half hours the Governor shared with the leaders his concerns, opportunities and challenges and listened intently to input from the audience. Reports were presented on the four major topics: ***Business Regulatory Reform*** (**Robert J. Blair**, PEDA Board of Directors and *TCDC* President/CEO); ***Education & Workforce Development*** (**David E. Cummings**, *TCDC* Chairman); ***New Technology Investment*** (Penny Eddy, Pennsylvania Rural Development Council); ***Tax Reform*** (Kevin Abrams, *NTPRDC* Executive Director); ***Infrastructure & Economic Development Enhancement*** (Ray McMahon, City of Bradford Economic Development Department); and ***Quality of Life*** (Richard Erick, President, D.E. Errick, Inc).

All of the eleven Summits were coordinated through ***TEAM Pennsylvan!a Foundation***, Rich Hudic, Executive Director.

Following the Regional Forum the ***Wellsboro Area Chamber of Commerce*** and ***Growth Resources of Wellsboro (GROW) Foundation*** hosted a Reception at the ***Penn Wells Hotel*** in Wellsboro for Governor Rendell with over 200 participants.

OSRAM SYLVANIA's Plant Expansion in Wellsboro Continues on Schedule

The ***OSRAM SYLVANIA*** plant expansion on Jackson Street in Wellsboro continues on schedule and will be completed in June. The site construction includes a new 7,000 square-foot, three-storied reclamation facility in addition to significant interior renovations to the existing 390,000 square-foot plant. The company also said that it expects to add 45 new positions over the next six months in order to support the growth at its 117 year-old glass manufacturing facility. This is about a 25 percent increase over the plant's current employment, which totals 175 positions. "We are thrilled to see our business expand and to be able to create new job opportunities in our community," said **OSRAM SYLVANIA** Plant Manager **Bob Alspaugh**. "We are working in concert with the ***Pennsylvania CareerLink*** to recruit people for the new positions at the plant."

OSRAM Sylvania's facility in Wellsboro manufactures glass envelopes for incandescent light bulbs and Christmas ornaments. ***OSRAM Sylvania*** is headquartered in Danvers, Massachusetts and together with its parent company, ***OSRAM GmbH***, is the second largest lighting and materials enterprise in the world, serving companies in more than 140 countries.

WARD MANUFACTURING, INC. Impacted by Chinese Dumping

Tioga County Development Corporation President/Chief Executive Officer **Robert J. Blair** testified before the ***International Trade Commission (ITC)*** on February 10, 2003 in Washington, D.C. in support of a suit filed by ***Ward Manufacturing, Inc.***, and ***Anvil International of Columbia, Pennsylvania*** for anti-dumping against Chinese companies. Also testifying on behalf of ***Ward US Congressman John E. Peterson***, 5th Congressional District, and **Thomas Gleason**, Vice President of Marketing & Sales for ***Ward***. **Kevin Barron**, Technical Director, ***Ward Manufacturing, Inc.***, provided technical support documentation before the ***ITC***. The ***International Trade Commission*** ruled unanimously in favor of the American manufacturers. The ***US Department of Commerce*** issued a tariff ruling far below the tariff needed to make American parts competitive with Chinese imports.

WELLSBORO MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY Industrial Water Project

Efforts to secure nearly \$2 Million in public funding for the ***Wellsboro Municipal Authority*** Industrial Waterlines Expansion to the ***Wellsboro Industrial Park*** (The Junction) in ***Delmar Township*** and to develop a new water supply source for the ***Wellsboro Water system which serves Wellsboro and portions of Charleston and Delmar Townships*** are underway. The ***Tioga County Development Corporation***, ***Northern Tier Regional Planning & Development Commission*** and ***Tioga County Redevelopment Authority*** are working together and have submitted grant applications to the ***Pennsylvania Industrial Development Program (IDP)*** for \$1,000,000; ***Economic Development Administration (EDA)*** for \$500,000; ***Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC)*** for \$200,000; and the ***Pennsylvania PennVEST Loan and Grant Program***. The ***Tioga County Commissioners Walter Barnes, Erick Coolidge and James Bogaczyk***, have contributed \$60,000 through the ***Tioga County Environmental Fund***. The ***Wellsboro Industrial Park, LLC***, has pledged a contribution. Efforts continue to secure other local funding through the three municipalities.

49 CORRIDOR Enterprise Zone Update Basic Planning Grant Year 8 Received

The Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development (DCED) awarded the *Tioga County Redevelopment Authority* with a \$50,000 Basic Planning Assistance Grant for the Program Year 5 (July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003). The funds are used to support the **49 CORRIDOR Enterprise Zone** through the *Tioga County Development Corporation*, the Administrative entity for the Enterprise Zone Program (EZP). Funds are used to improve the economic climate of the Enterprise Zone in the Northern portion of Tioga County, comprised of in the nine (9) municipalities of **Deerfield Township, Nelson Township, Elkland Borough, Knoxville Borough, Osceola Township, Lawrenceville Borough, Lawrence Township, Westfield Borough and Westfield Township**. Funding runs through the *Tioga County Redevelopment Authority*, **Michael Egan**, Executive Director. Eleven (11) industries in the EZP account for one third (1/3) of the manufacturing base of Tioga County with 1,368 Jobs and an Annual Payroll of over \$24 Million. These industries are located on 290 acres of land and have over 887,371 total square feet of Building area comprised of 18 Parcels of land.

TEAM Pennsylvan!a: TCDC Continues to Conduct Business Calling Interviews

As *TEAM Pennsylvan!a* Agent for Tioga County, the *Tioga County Development Corporation* has participated in 144 **Business Calling Program (BCP)** Interviews throughout Tioga County since 1998. The purpose of the Interviews is to obtain information about your business which may assist the Commonwealth establish business policy for the future and to determine if you may need assistance from *TCDC* or the **Northern Tier Regional Planning & Development Commission (NTRPDC)**. This business retention program involves an on site Interview Process and takes approximately one half hour. Several companies have received technical and financial assistance through the BCP Process. Others have local issues resolved through the assistance of the NTRPDC and *TCDC*. If your business has not been interviewed and would like to participate in the Business Calling Program please contact **Lillian Smith**, Vice President/Program Development at (570) 723-8232 or tcdc3@ptd.net.

Leadership Tioga County Marketing Program Funds Received

The *Tioga County Development Corporation* has received a \$10,000 Community Revitalization Program Grant for our **Leadership Tioga County Marketing Program** through **Senator Joseph B. Scarnati**.

Team 4 of the *Community Leadership Program* comprised of **Clara Carl, Tammy Frank, Corinne Kepp and Velma McHenry** have as their Team Project the responsibility of assisting *TCDC* in the development of a Marketing & Sustainability Plan for **Leadership Tioga County**.

As part of the Marketing & Sustainability a new logo was developed for **Leadership Tioga County**. Other components of the Plan will include: **Leadership Tioga County** Presentation Portfolio; PowerPoint Presentation; development of a **Leadership Tioga County** HomePage link to tcdc-pa.com to include an Alumni Directory of the *Youth Leadership Program* and the *Community Leadership Program*; and a solicitation strategy to attract employers and employees to the *Community Leadership Program*.

Leadership Tioga County is a program of the *Tioga County Development Corporation* with countywide support and involvement with the **Tioga County Partnership for Community Health; North Central Area Health Education Center; Laurel Health System; Mansfield University; Pennsylvania College of Technology/North Campus, Northern Tier Regional Planning & Development Commission** and over 125 individuals, organizations and businesses from throughout Tioga County.

TIOGA COUNTY Career Development Update

TIOGA COUNTY Career Day (TCCD)

Work force development and access to a quality work force continues to be the major obstacle to employers in Tioga County, as well as, statewide and nationally. Several Career Development Initiatives continue in Tioga County through the Tioga County Career Day Committee.

5th Annual Tioga County Vehicular Career Day May 5, 2003, Monday Mansfield University For 3rd & 4th Grades

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Leadership Tioga County

Community Leadership Program 2003

Tioga County Development Corporation (TCDC) Board Chairman, **David E. Cummings** announced on Friday, January 11, 2002 a new Program through **Leadership Tioga County**. This Program targets residents of Tioga County who have the desire to enhance their leadership skills and become more involved in their community. This training and educational endeavor will supply Tioga County with a core group of positive, productive and contributing individuals. These competent leaders will benefit Tioga County's employers, organizations and communities. "Four years ago our former Chairman, **Fred LaVancher**, challenged our Board, Staff, and County to begin **Leadership Tioga County**," Cummings explained, "In three short years we have developed a successful *Youth Leadership Program*. Today, I extend that challenge with the announcement of our *Community Leadership Program*." The first session of *Community Leadership Program* was kicked off on October 3, 2002 at *HIS Thousand Hills*, Wellsboro Pennsylvania.

Participants in the first Class of the *Community Leadership Program* include: Cheryl A. Bonham, Lawrenceville, *Northern Tioga School District*; Clara Carl, Little Marsh, *North Central AHEC*; Tammy Frank, Tioga, *Tyoga Container Company, Inc.*; Cynthia Frost, Wellsboro, *Laurel Health System*; Gale A. Hall, Mansfield, *PPL Gas Utilities*; Brett W. Kennedy, Wellsboro, *Citizens & Northern Bank*; Corinne B. Kepp, Morris, *Laurel Health System*; Patricia Malletz, Wellsboro, Alcohol & Abuse Council of Chemung; Velma McHenry, Nelson, *Harbor Counseling*; Veronica P. Mead, Westfield, *Northern Tioga School District*; K. Irene Morgan, Mansfield, *Partners In Progress*; Brian R. Nowak, Blossburg, *Ward Manufacturing, Inc.*; Anne M. Paniccia, Wellsboro, Tioga County Partnership for Community Health; Susan Z. Pierce, Wellsboro, *First Heritage Federal Credit Union*; Ted Russell, Wellsboro, *Intelligent Direct*; Linda Stager, Wellsboro, Tioga County Department of Human Services; and Susan L. Sticklin, Wellsboro, *Laurel Health System*.

Individuals interested in the *Community Leadership Program* complete an application through their employer or the TCDC office. Candidates will undergo an extensive and competitive selection process. The adults selected for the *Community Leadership Program* will attend a nine month program beginning in the Fall and ending in the Spring of the following year. The Program meets on the first Friday of each month for the duration of the nine months. In addition to monthly sessions, the participants will learn and practice leadership and communication skills in their individual lives through outside assignments. Persons interested in applying for the *Community Leadership Program 2004*; interested in sponsoring a deserving individual; or have any questions, please contact **Lillian Smith**, TCDC Vice President/Program Development at (570)723-8232 or tcdc3@ptd.net.

Community Leadership Program Receives ARC Grant

In August 22, 2002, US Congressman **John E. Peterson**, 5th Congressional District, announced the *Appalachian Regional Commission* (ARC) awarded a \$65,000 grant to the *Tioga County Development Corporation* for the development and implementation of the *Community Leadership Program* through **Leadership Tioga County**. The ARC Grant Application was submitted through the *Northern Tier Regional Planning & Development Commission* (NTRPDC), the Local Development District (LDD) serving Bradford, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Tioga and Wyoming County.

The *Tioga County Development Corporation Leadership Tioga County* appreciate the support we received to apply for the ARC Grant. We received numerous Letters of Support from our legislators, businesses, organizations and individuals. The Grant provided the start up cost for the *Tioga County Development Corporation Leadership Tioga County Community Leadership Program* which began in October 2003.

The purpose of Leadership Tioga County is to recruit, train, encourage & develop caring individuals to participate in community leadership activities & responsibilities throughout Tioga County.

Youth Leadership Program 2003

Leadership Tioga County Youth Leadership Program will complete its fourth year on May 4, 2003. Thirty local students were selected in the Spring 2002 for the Class of 2003. Through the Program, the youth have had the opportunity to become acquainted with community needs and resources; develop leadership skills; and interact with one another, the community and business leaders throughout Tioga County.

A **5-More Event** was held on August 21, 2002 at the Island Park Recreational Park in Blossburg Pennsylvania. Members from the Class of 2002 provided advice and insight for the Class of 2003. Parents and students from the Class of 2003 were informed about the Program they were about to embark on.

The Program consist of thirty high school juniors representing Tioga County's three (3) public school districts. The students from **Northern Tioga School District** are from Cowanesque Valley High School: Ethan B. Hornsby, Katie L. Mead, Daniel M. Moon and Jeremy A. Romaneo; Elkland High School: Kay E. Dorrance, Lyndie A. Hughes and Emily E. Kohut; and Williamson High School: Lauren A. Taylor, Courtney E. Walushka and Isaac W. Weaver.

Representing **Southern Tioga School District** are from Liberty High School: Timothy W. Heyler, Lori A. Mitstifer and Renee E. Norman; Mansfield High School: Stacy A. Barnes, Kyle L. Bramm, Nicole M. Freeman, Preston D. Jaquish and Kirby L. Jones; and North Penn High School: Tyler P. Lisowski and Kirstie B. McKeever.

Students selected from **Wellsboro Area School District** are Leisl M. Bauman, Daniel R. Dalton, Ashley M. Dowling, Leah M. Greenfield, Laura E. Henderson, Laura R. Maynard, Kylie A. Morse, Joshua P. Sticklin, Whitney M. Taylor and Lauren D. Vogler.

Participants learn and practice leadership and communication skills while confronting issues which affect the quality of life in Tioga County. The Program consists of a series of workshops, hands-on interactive activities and site tours. It runs one day each month beginning with a Summer Event in August and ending in May with a Graduation Ceremony for our new young leaders. Sessions & dates included: **Orientation & Team Building**, September 17, 2002; Session 1 **Living in a Diverse Community**, October 9, 2002; Session 2 **Understanding Business & Economics**, November 14, 2002; Session 3 **Health & Human Services**, December 10, 2002; Session 4 **Teens & the Law**, January 22, 2003; Session 5 **Communication, Arts & Entertainment**, February 4, 2003; Session 6 **Local, State & Federal Government**, March 11, 2003; Session 7 **Quality of Life**, April 16, 2003; **Graduation**, May 4, 2003.

TCDC Participates in DCED Funded Regional Marketing Program

Northern Tier Regional Planning & Development Commission

The **Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development (DCED)** provided a \$50,000 Marketing Grant to the **NTRPDC** for marketing of the five Northern Tier Counties of Bradford, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Tioga and Wyoming. The Regional Commission contributed \$25,000 and each of the four county economic development organizations contributed \$5,000 each. In Tioga County, the program is being implemented through **TCDC**.

A regional economic development recruitment theme is being developed by **Image, Inc.**, of Williamsport, the marketing consulting firm, contracted for the initiative. Regional Marketing tools are being developed which will be used by the **NTRPDC** and the counties. In addition each county will have specific county marketing materials and projects developed, such as HomePage development, recruitment materials, printed brochures and site specific maps.

TCDC will be improving our HomePage, developing a Recruitment CD and Site specific maps for potential site development.

Leadership Tioga County Goes to Harrisburg

On March 11, 2003 seventy-six (76) youths and adults participated in a field trip to our State Capitol as part of the Government Sessions of the *Youth Leadership Program* and the *Community Leadership Program*.

Hosted by Pennsylvania Senators **Joseph B. Scarnati** and **Roger A. Madigan**; PA Representative **Mathew E. Baker** and US Congressman **John E. Peterson** the participants toured The Capitol, visited the State Welcome Center and the Pennsylvania Museum.

As part of *Local, State & Federal Government* and *The Political Process*, each participant attended a public meeting in Tioga County. The *Youth Leadership Program* prepared and presented to the **NTSD**, **STSD** and **WASD** Schools Boards and the County Commissioners, a Resolution designated May 4, 2003 as *Youth Leadership Day in Tioga County*.

Benedict Bus Service, Inc. was contracted with to provide the transportation.



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From the President/Chief Executive Officer . . .

During these difficult times of economic uncertainty, our business & industry are not exempt from national recessional conditions nor international intervention. We began the year with very positive economic news with the submission of three PEDFA Applications to the State totaling \$6,700,000, saving 53 Jobs and creating 66 new employees.

In February we supported our largest employer, Ward Manufacturing, Inc., with testimony in a case of Chinese dumping. We pursued a major distribution center location and supported OSRAM Sylvania's \$10.3 Million Expansion before Governor Rendell. Our County was the host of the Northern Economic Summit with the Governor who spent the day with 90 business and community leaders from seven counties.

TCDC has been actively involved in the \$2 Million Municipal Water Project with the Wellsboro Municipal Authority to extend water to the Wellsboro Industrial Park and a new water supply for the Borough of Wellsboro and parts of Charleston and Delmar Townships.

*We continued to develop our most precious resource . . . our people. On March 11, 2003 **Leadership Tioga County** traveled to our State Capitol exposing 30 youth and 17 adult leaders to the working of our state government. Again, we are a sponsor of the Tioga County Vehicular Career Day on May 5, 2003, when 1,500 3rd and 4th graders will experience future job opportunities through vehicles. An Advisory Council and four functioning committees have been formed to undertake a Feasibility Study for the Tioga County Technical Training Center for our employers and employees in our drive to have a skilled quality workforce to meet current and future workforce needs.*

Our Board and Staff continued to focus on Our Mission, conducting a Board Retreat to see where we have been and what we need to do to meet the challenges for Tioga County in the future. We must be ever coincident of our purpose and continue to strive to address Our Mission . . .

To foster and promote
the economic development of Tioga County,
passionately striving to improve the quality of life
of our communities, our residents, our business & industry
and our environment in our quest to make
Tioga County . . . a place to call home.

*During 2003, TCDC will conduct our 7th Annual Legislative Breakfast bringing together nearly 200 Members to meet with our State and Federal Legislators; initiate our 10th Annual Membership Drive with a goal of 250 Members through **Your Investment in Tioga County**; and will host our 10th Annual Meeting on July 28, 2003. Thank you Members, Board, Staff and Supporters for getting 2003 off to a positive economic start.*