



November 2010

NTRPDC update



SERVING BRADFORD, SULLIVAN, SUSQUEHANNA, TIOGA, AND WYOMING COUNTIES

Federal Partners Coalition Visits the Northern Tier



Representatives from nine federal agencies from the Philadelphia region met with NTRPDC staff on September 27 and 28 to learn more about the agency, the region, and the impact of Marcellus Shale development on our economy, infrastructure, housing, schools, emergency services, and so on. After learning about the changes our region is experiencing, Chesapeake Energy presented "Drilling 101" and then led the group on a rig tour.

The visit was the first step in developing a stronger partnership with the coalition in an effort to gain more support and resources to help manage our changing economy.



Upcoming Meetings

LMC Meetings

lundy@northerntier.org
NTRPDC Conference Room
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

- November 30
- December 28

County Outreach Meetings

abrams@northerntier.org
9 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

- Tioga County – December 3
- Wyoming County – December 17

RTAC Meeting

biery@northerntier.org
NTRPDC Conference Room
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

- December 13

LLRC Meeting

potter@northerntier.org
NTRPDC Conference Room
9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

- December 10

Youth Council & WIB Meeting

warner@northerntier.org
NTRPDC Conference Room
9:30 a.m.

- December 15

Save the Date!

NTRPDC will be hosting the second annual Gas Summit for Municipal Officials on Wednesday, May 18, 2011 from 8 a.m. to 12

noon at the Wysox Volunteer Fire Hall. The focus will be on right-of-way and gas transmission line regulatory issues.

Recent Loan Closings

Two loans totaling \$107,000 were closed in September and October.

Aleah's Style on the Mile in Wysox, Bradford County, received a \$7,000 Small Business Loan for equipment purchase and working capital associated with their relocation.

Metadyne, Inc., in Towanda, Bradford County, received a \$100,000 Tri-District Revolving Loan for upgrades and property improvements necessary to add a new product line.

This loan activity leveraged \$260,000 in private funds and helped to create five jobs and retain 32.

Health Careers Week a Success

Three health career fairs held at area schools, reaching about 400 students.



Health Careers Week activities help students explore careers and are part of the solution to Pennsylvania's shortage of health professionals.



Steve Meyer, DPT with ProCare Physical Therapy, talks to students at the Bradford-Sullivan Health Career Fair

As part of Pennsylvania's Health Careers Week 2010 celebration, Northern Tier high school students were able to visit one of three health career fairs held at the Towanda Junior-Senior High School, the Susquehanna County Career and Technology Center, and the Pennsylvania College of Technology's North Campus. More than 400 students rotated between tables of health care profes-

sionals and training providers as they participated in hands-on activities and learned about a wide array of occupations. Transportation costs were

funded through the Northeast Regional Healthcare Industry Partnership, which also provided a Career Exploration Guide highlighting allied health occupations and training opportunities in our region. In addition, students received current healthcare employment information for the Northern Tier through a "Health Care Fast Facts Sheet" developed for Health Careers Week by the Northern Tier

Workforce Investment Board. "Health care professionals play an important role in our society and it's important that our young people learn about these careers," said Sherry Felten, Workforce Development Program Manager. "Health Careers Week activities help students explore careers and are part of the solution to Pennsylvania's shortage of health professionals."

Health Careers Week is an annual event created to generate interest among youth in pursuing one of Pennsylvania's exciting health care careers. For more information contact Sherry Felten, Workforce Development Program Manager, at 570-265-1516 or felten@northerntier.org.

Municipal Employees Learn QuickBooks

NTRPDC provides software training to enhance efficiency.



Technical training assistance was provided to 26 municipal officials in October and November. QuickBooks beginner and intermediate training helps municipal staff set up their budgets, perform accounting tasks, and generate reports more efficiently.

NTRPDC's Information Technology Program assists municipalities by providing hardware/software incentive grants, training grants, and hands-on training as well as technical assistance.

For more information, please contact Jeff Field at 570-265-1541 or field@northerntier.org.

Incentive Grants Available

Financial assistance is available for businesses and local governments.

Three incentive grants are available to help improve and retain businesses and to help expand the capacity of local governments in the Northern Tier region.

The **Small Business Training Grant** provides up to \$1,000 to businesses with 100 or fewer employees to help them participate in training and position them for future growth. The grant will pay 50 percent of eligible costs associated with the training, up to \$1,000.

The **Small Business Internet Grant** helps businesses with 100 or fewer employees utilize the Internet in conducting business. Purchases must assist in moving the business toward emerging technologies that use the Internet for business, such as Web site development. The grant will pay 50 percent of eligible expenses, up to \$1,000.

The **Municipal Hardware/Software Incentive Grant** helps municipalities

become more efficient through the use of technology in their daily operations by helping them purchase computer equipment and software. Grant assistance may not exceed \$750 or 75 percent of the total purchase price.

For more information and application instructions for each grant please visit our Web site at www.northerntier.org, click on "What's New" and select "Grant Opportunities." Or call toll free at 888-868-8800.



Grant applications are available online at www.northerntier.org

Visit by ARC Officials

Northern Tier Career Center received \$300,000.



On October 19, 2010, representatives from the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) visited the Northern Tier Career Center, which received \$300,000 in ARC investment to help establish its high-tech welding technology program.

Pictured from left to right: Neil Fowler, ARC Pennsylvania Program Manager; Guy Land, ARC Chief of Staff; Kevin Abrams, Executive Director NTRPDC; and Earl Gohl, ARC Federal Co-Chair.

Happy Holidays!

We encourage everyone to support our local businesses, especially this holiday season. To learn more about how shopping at independently-owned businesses can impact our local economy, please visit: <http://www.the350project.net/home.html>



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