



NTRPDC update



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

NTRPDC Welcomes New Staff

NTRPDC welcomes Ethan Sexton and Sue Dillon to the Northern Tier team and congratulates Matt Williams on his transition within NTRPDC.

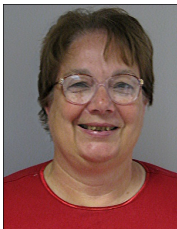
Sexton has joined NTRPDC as Regional Planner. A graduate of Towanda High School and Bloomsburg University, Sexton will be responsible for the transportation program, specifically working with the Rural Transportation Advisory Committee and coordinating regional planning. He will continue Northern Tier's effort to collect data on local bridges as part of a PennDOT initiative.

Williams, previously NTRPDC Regional Planner and

GIS Coordinator, has transitioned into the role of Community Development Program Manager. He will work closely with municipalities and communities to promote community development and will provide grant writing services to assist communities in pursuing sustainable development. Williams will continue to serve as GIS Coordinator.



Matt Williams



Sue Dillon

Sue Dillon has joined NTRPDC as a part-time Business Development Specialist, managing the NTRPDC Loan

Program. She assists Northern Tier businesses in accessing loan funds for business development and expansion. Dillon brings significant experience from her work with small businesses at the Small Business Development Center and assessing loan packages as a member of the Tioga County Development Corporation Loan Review Committee.

"We welcome Sue and Ethan to our NTRPDC team and congratulate Matt on this new opportunity," said Kevin Abrams, NTRPDC Executive Director. "Each exemplifies hard work and dedication and we look forward to working together to continue to promote economic and community development in the Northern Tier region."

Upcoming Meetings

Executive Committee

Bradford Inn, Towanda
10:30 a.m.

September 20, 2013

kulick@northerntier.org

Economic Development

Advisory Committee

Bradford Inn, Towanda
11:00 a.m.

September 20, 2013

hauser@northerntier.org

Local Loan Review

Committee

NTRPDC Conference Room
October 11, November 8

Local Management

Committee

NTRPDC Conference Room
11:00 a.m.

September 24, November 26

fay@northerntier.org

RTAC

NTRPDC Conference Room
10:00 a.m.

October 21, 2013

baker@northerntier.org

Workforce Investment Board

NTRPDC Conference Room
10:30 a.m.

October 16, 2013

warner@northerntier.org

Youth Council

NTRPDC Conference Room
9:30 a.m.

October 16, 2013

felten@northerntier.org

Free Workshop: Introduction to Government Contracting for Businesses

Bradford County: October 29, 9-11 a.m.,
NTRPDC, 312 Main Street, Towanda

Tioga County: November 6, 9-11 a.m.,
PA Career Link, Plaza Lane, Wellsboro
The seminar is free, however pre-registration is required. For detailed information contact Laurie Lentz at 570-265-1538 or lentz@northerntier.org.

Micro-Grants Available for Broadband Projects

Eligible Applicants: Businesses with fewer than 500 employees, as well as "community anchor institutions." Interested businesses may contact Donna Yale (PennTAP) at 570-596-3585 or dyale@psu.edu.

Manufacturing companies contact NEPIRC at 570-819-8966 or info@nepirc.com.



Evan Perry



Logan Hitchcock

2013 Summer Internships Conclude

Evan Perry and Logan Hitchcock return to school

NTRPDC thanks interns Evan Perry (Penn State Altoona) and Logan Hitchcock (University of Pittsburgh) for their work this summer.

“It was a pleasure to have Evan and Logan work with us this summer. They are extremely hardworking and devoted and we look forward to watching them excel as they

move forward,” says Kevin Abrams, NTRPDC Executive Director.

Evan Perry, a Canton High School graduate, interned with the transportation program. Perry helped gather data on local bridges. When not in the field, he assisted with NTRPDC’s Rural Transportation Advisory Commit-

tee meetings and other transportation activities as needed.

Logan Hitchcock, a 2012 Wyalusing High School graduate, interned with the workforce development department. He assisted with NTRPDC’s Summer Employment Program and Health Careers Week at the YMCA Day Camp.

Opportunities to Meet with Trade Representatives

PA Authorized Trade Representatives coming in September

Northern Tier companies have the opportunity to meet one-on-one with Pennsylvania’s Authorized Trade Representatives when they come to the state in September. The 22 trade reps cover more than 70 markets and provide free

assistance in areas such as market research, regulations requirements, agent/distributor searches, foreign company background checks, and travel logistics. Northern Tier clients have a choice of three locations: Thursday,

September 19, in Kersey; Tuesday, September 24, in State College; or Friday, September 27, in Wilkes-Barre. For more information or to register, please contact Cynthia Traore at Traore@northerntier.org.

Northeastern Pennsylvania Industrial Resource Center (NEPIRC) Events

Manufacturing Day Luncheon
October 4, 2013
Towanda Country Club
12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Innovation Seminar
October 16, 2013
Deane Center, Wellsboro
8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Northern Tier Companies Explore Exports

Local companies participated in Guadalajara, Mexico, trade show



In August, representatives from two Bradford County companies, Cummings Lumber Company and Cummings Veneer Products, traveled to Mexico. Both companies participated in the Tecno Mueble International Trade Show in Guadalajara for four days and took part in site visits, exploring potential markets for their

products. They subsequently traveled to Mexico City for business meetings with hardwood importers. Cummings Lumber Company was able to take advantage of the Market Access Grant to help defray expenses. Cummings Veneer Products utilized the Global Access Program, sponsored in part by the Small Business

Administration. The funding was available through the Office of International Business Development, a division of the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development. For more information about export assistance, please contact Cynthia Traore at Traore@northerntier.org.

Youth Gain Work Experience

34 Northern Tier young people participated in Summer Employment Program

Area youth across the Northern Tier were able to earn a paycheck this summer while gaining valuable work experience. Thirty-four young people from our five-county region participated in the Summer Employment program.

The program began with classroom learning experiences and tours of area employers. Classroom sessions covered resume writing, job interview skills,

career exploration, job searching skills, team building, work maturity, and problem solving. Tours included GTP, Bradford County Correctional Facility, Northern Tier Solid Waste Authority, Corning Museum of Glass, Wyoming County Courthouse offices and 911 Center, Hotel Harrington, Jolly Trolley, The Sullivan Review, Schneider's Market, Reddon's Drug Store, and Susquehanna Free Library.

Participants then began their summer jobs, working throughout the region at area school districts, Martha Lloyd Community Services, the Bradford County Prothonotary Office, Bradford County Manor, The Creamery, TREHAB, Schneider's Market, Susquehanna Free Library, Mansfield Borough, Goodwill, Wyoming County Recycling Center, Endless Mountains Visitors Bureau, and Ebb's Candy Jar.



Summer Employment Program participants tour Corning Glass.

Staying in Business Following a Disaster

SBDC assists businesses in planning for natural disasters and other issues

The SBDC assists business owners in preparing for, and mitigating, the impact of business disruptions such as natural disasters, financial changes, or staff changes. Services include: creating a business disruption plan,

acquiring capital, using cloud-based alternatives for critical business operations, developing mobile-ready operations strategies, expanding to new markets, maintaining connectivity during a disruption, and other

business activities.

Interested businesses may contact Keith Yurgosky, SBDC Business Consultant, at keith.yurgosky@scranton.edu or 570-941-4150.

Funding Available for Healthcare Training

Northern Tier Workforce Investment Board receives grant

The Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry has announced that the Northern Tier Workforce Investment Board has been awarded a \$78,150 Industry Partnership Worker Training Grant for the Northeast Regional Healthcare Industry Partnership. This funding can be used to subsidize training for employees in

the healthcare field to advance their skill levels in their jobs, expand job opportunities and job security for workers, and boost the competitive position of the healthcare business community.

To qualify for funding, training must be for a high priority occupation in the healthcare field. Employers

are required to provide a 1-to-1 match, of which 30 percent must be cash, and complete a Worker Training Grant application. For more information, please contact Sherry Felten, Workforce Program Manager at NTRPDC, 570-265-1516 or felten@northerntier.org.



Loan Closings July and August

One loan was closed in August to Five Star Field Services Appalachia, LLC, in Wysox, Bradford County. This \$25,000 loan will be used for working capital to fund additional manpower, inventory and equipment for day-to-day operations, special projects, and sales growth. Five Star Measurement and Field Services is an energy contractor working in the natural gas, gas liquids, and oil industries.

NTRPDC Commitment to the Northern Tier

Staff involved with numerous organizations in the region

NTRPDC staff is committed to community involvement and believe that strong relationships with the communities we serve is a catalyst for strengthening our neighborhoods and our region as a whole. Below is a list of committees and organizations with which NTRPDC staff are involved. If your non-profit or organization is in need of Board members or increased involvement, please let us know how we can help.

Current NTRPDC community involvement:

- AAU Travel Baseball BC Bombers
- Bradford County Humane Society Volunteer
- Bradford County Natural Gas Advisory Committee
- Central Bradford County Chamber of Commerce

- Endless Mountains Heritage Region
- Endless Mountains Visitors Bureau
- Futurescapes Advisory Board
- Local Development District Association of PA
- Mansfield Downtown Development Corporation
- Montrose Archery Team Coach
- Montrose Country Club Board
- Montrose Lions Club
- Northeast Regional Healthcare Industry Partnership
- Northern Tier Hardwood Association Board Treasurer
- PA Economic Development Association
- PA Route 6 Alliance
- PA Economic Development Institute Board
- Pennsylvania Workforce Development Association
- Pennsylvania Workforce Development Association
- Practical Nursing Advisory Board for Penn College of Technology – North Campus
- Progress Authority Board
- Rail Freight Advisory Committee
- The Enterprise Center Board of Directors
- Towanda Area High School Speech and Debate Team Assistant Coach
- Towanda Independent Baptist Church Youth Group
- Towanda Junior High Football
- Towanda Little League Baseball
- Towanda Varsity/ JV Baseball
- Towanda Varsity/JV Wrestling
- Troy Junior High Boys Basketball Head Coach
- Troy JV and Varsity Baseball Assistant Coach
- Windham Volunteer Fire Department
- Wyalusing Area Education Foundation
- Wyalusing Township Planning Commission
- Wyoming County Chamber of Commerce Advisory Board
- Wysox Presbyterian Church Session member
- Wysox Township Planning Commission member

NTRPDC looks forward to continuing to work in and with the communities in our region to promote economic and workforce development.

Upcoming Training Opportunity for Nurses

Funding available for CNOR Exam Review

The Northeast Regional Healthcare Industry Partnership is offering subsidized training through Healthcare Worker Training Grant funding. The CNOR Exam Review, presented by MED-ED, is designed for perioperative nurses (caring for patients before, during, and after surgery) who plan to take the CNOR Certification Exam. CNOR is a national certification validating the skills and knowledge of perioperative registered nurses.

The course will focus on core concepts defined by the Association of Perioperative Registered Nurses (AORN) in caring for all populations. Course materials are based on the CNOR test blueprint by the Competency & Credentialing Institute (CCI), the certifying organization. Participants will become familiar with the testing structure and content and will develop a study plan to guide their individual preparation.

The regular cost of this

course is \$315 per person. However, the Healthcare Worker Training Grant funding reduces the cost to healthcare employers to \$95 per person. A completed Healthcare Worker Training application is required to receive the discount. The deadline to register is October 18, 2013.

To apply for training funds please contact Sherry Felten, Workforce Program Manager at NTRPDC, at 570-265-1516 or felten@northerntier.org.



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