



**Annual Report**

**2008**

Northern Tier Regional  
Planning & Development  
Commission



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## Our Mission

To help businesses expand their markets, generate employment, improve the local economy, and plan for the future development of the Northern Tier Region.

## Our Vision

To be a leader in developing people, businesses, and communities for a globally competitive region.

## About the Cover

Cover photograph of Main Street in Wellsboro, Tioga County.



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# A Report to the Region



Erick J. Coolidge



Kevin D. Abrams

Dear Friends,

It is our pleasure to present the 2008 Annual Report for the Northern Tier Regional Planning and Development Commission. In the year 2008, the Northern Tier Region encountered two diverse economic scenarios.

The first scenario was the result of decline in the nation's economy. Major employers throughout the region were forced to reduce their workforces, thus driving the region's unemployment to its highest rate in many years. NTRPDC remains willing and able to assist all of those affected during these challenging times.

The second scenario was the beginning of the exploration and extraction of the Marcellus Shale. Activities in this industry will create employment opportunities as well as increased demand for our region's infrastructure. This industry will have a long lasting impact on the entire Northern Tier Region.

In conclusion, we wish to express our sincere gratitude to the NTRPDC staff, Executive Committee, Advisory Committees, and to each of you who continue to increase the prosperity of the Northern Tier Region through your efforts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin D. Abrams".

Kevin D. Abrams  
Executive Director

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Erick J. Coolidge".

Erick J. Coolidge  
Chairperson

# 2008 Funding Sources

## Federal

Appalachian Regional Commission	
Enterprise Development	\$285,000
Local Development District	93,000
U.S. Department of Commerce	
Economic Development Administration	60,000
U.S. Department of Defense	
Procurement Technical Assistance	57,000
U.S. Department of Transportation	
Federal Highway Administration	300,000
U.S. Department of Labor	
Workforce Investment Act	1,602,000
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services	<u>2,114,000</u>
Total	\$4,511,000

## State

Pennsylvania Department of Transportation	
Rural Transportation Program	13,000
Department of Community and Economic Development	
Enterprise Development	709,000
Business Retention and Expansion Program	60,000
Export Development	63,000
KOEZ	52,000
E-Commonwealth	42,000
DCNR	50,000
Department of Labor and Industry	<u>233,000</u>
Total	\$1,222,000

## Local

County Contributions	<u>\$60,000</u>
Total	\$60,000

**Total Program Funds** \$5,793,000

# Loan Impact

Borrower	Retained Jobs	Created Jobs	Loan Amount	Leveraged Amount
Antler Ridge Winery	2	1	98,000.00	100,000.00
B&E Dairy Partnership	3	0	86,000.00	129,000.00
Bloss Holiday Market	22	0	25,000.00	175,000.00
BX3 Inc.	11	4	100,000.00	0.00
Drinker's Creek Holdings, LLC	14	0	75,000.00	0.00
Glenn D. Gorrell	13	3	200,000.00	300,000.00
Hurley's Super Markets Inc.	55	0	100,000.00	375,000.00
Kline Acres Partnership	13	0	75,000.00	75,000.00
Leroydale Farms	3	0	75,000.00	75,000.00
Matthew Strobe Dairy Farm	1	0	62,500.00	62,500.00
Metadyne	45	0	100,000.00	100,000.00
Mid-Life Stoneworks	1	2	20,000.00	0.00
Pag-Omar Farms Market, Inc.	0	4	110,000.00	110,000.00
Pepper's Dairy LLP	3	2	75,000.00	175,000.00
Plouse Family Farms LLC	2	0	145,000.00	145,000.00
Pure Pennsylvania	4	1	12,000.00	0.00
Quad K Design/Build, Inc.	3	2	25,000.00	45,000.00
Rakoski Enterprises Inc.	8	0	25,000.00	0.00
Robert T. Griffis & Sons, Inc.	8	1	25,000.00	0.00
Snake Creek Lasers LLC	21	0	100,000.00	0.00
Taurus Services, Inc.	21	0	25,000.00	29,000.00
Towanda Creek Animal Hospital, Inc.	18	0	25,000.00	0.00
Troy Veterinary Clinic, Inc.	16	0	50,000.00	150,000.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>\$1,633,500.00</b>	<b>\$2,045,500.00</b>



## Loan Program Helps Growing Alternative Energy Business

*While it seems everyone is discussing the issues, there is a motto at Quad-K Energy - "You can not afford to wait."*

Quad-K Energy Conservation Consultants is a progressive business with a growing interest in alternative energy systems. In 2008, it received a low interest loan from NTRPDC to help with expansion needs. In addition, NTRPDC provided small business training and website assistance grants to help with marketing and training.

For the past year, national media has reported regularly on our nation's dependence on foreign oil, the need for less consumption, and better alternatives. The development of "green" or environmentally favorable products has been on the forefront of discussions at universities, businesses, and all levels of government.

While it seems everyone is discussing the issues, there is a motto at Quad-K Energy - "You can not afford to wait." Richard and Joan Czajkowski own the business that conducts four-step energy evaluations. The qualified staff at Quad-K then provides building designs and the installation of energy efficient and cost effective products such as energy panels over windows and cellulose insulation. The audits can save 40% or more in energy costs. The dense-pack cellulose insulation is superior to other traditional products on the market. It provides higher R-value, and an effective air and vapor barrier resistant to fire, mold, insects and sound. Cellulose is the only insulation made from 80% recycled material, making it better for the environment.



## Outreach to Existing Businesses

The Pennsylvania Business Retention Program (BREP) was established in 1997 to forge better working relationships and stronger collaboration among various public, private, state and local economic development organizations, with the goal of enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of efforts to retain and grow existing Pennsylvania businesses. The Pennsylvania Business Retention and Expansion Program is the most aggressive job retention program in the country. Since its inception, representatives of the BREP have completed over 69,000 visits.

Locally, a total of 1,477 business visits have been conducted. Referrals have resulted in industry-specific equipment trainings, web page development, computer training, advancement in marketing skills, as well as assistance from NTRPDC's business financing and other assistance programs.

Success is measured by the results of these referrals. For example, a business liaison met with Meshoppen Stone of Meshoppen, and revealed the company's interest in several areas: exporting, procurement and loan programs. After a combined meeting of each of these individuals, Meshoppen Stone is exploring export markets, has enrolled in Northern Tier's Procurement Program and putting more thoughts into loans for equipment.

With businesses stretching their budgets far beyond their limits these days, the Business Retention and Expansion Program visit process helps them save time and money by making them aware of technical assistance, training dollars and business financing programs.



## Improving Municipal Infrastructure through ARC Funding

The Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) is a federal-state partnership that supports economic development in the Appalachian Region. Each year, NTRPDC works through a planning process with our economic development committee and board to prioritize projects for possible funding from ARC. Once ARC receives the proposals, they invite full applications for a select few projects. NTRPDC writes the grants on behalf of the applicants and ultimately secures the funding for the projects.

This year, four projects were funded:

- The Bridgewater Township Municipal Authority received a \$250,000 grant to help fund their sewer improvement project.
- The Municipal Authority of the Borough of Mansfield received a \$100,000 grant to help fund the construction of a water tank in the Tioga County I-99 Business Park.
- The Central Bradford Progress Authority received a \$45,000 grant to help fund an Energy Feasibility Study to determine the future energy needs of industries across the region due to the deregulation of electricity rates.
- The Endless Mountains Music Festival received a \$15,000 grant for their annual concert series held in Tioga County.

# Community Development Projects



**M**any communities in this region lack the staff and time needed to access public financing for projects. We help by assessing a project and targeting the most appropriate sources of funding. Then we prepare and submit grant and loan proposals to help with shared municipal services, machinery and equipment, infrastructure, main street revitalization, parks and recreation, historic preservation, and emergency services.

It is usually the smallest projects that have the biggest impact. For example, this year, we helped access funding for six police cars. Other projects assisted with the purchase of municipal equipment and community parks. All are small projects that have a large impact on the safety and quality of our communities.

RECIPIENT	USE OF FUNDS	SOURCE	AMOUNT
Canton Borough Authority	Water Project	PennStep	\$8,000
Wysox Volunteer Fire Company	Pumper	PEMA	\$125,000
LeRaysville Fire Company	New Building	PEMA	\$100,000
Borough of Dushore	Water System Improvements	PennStep	\$8,000
Township of Davidson	New Cinder Shed	DCED	\$30,000
Laporte Township	Truck Purchase	DCED	\$25,000
Borough of Susquehanna Depot	Police Car	DCED	\$20,000
Tri-Boro Municipal Authority	"Jetting Unit" for Water/Sewer System	DCED	\$16,600
Choconut/Silver Lake Township	Wood Chipper	DCED	\$15,950
Bridgewater/Jessup Township	Wood Chipper	DCED	\$18,500
Silver Lake Police Department	Police Equipment/Addl Office Space	DCED	\$10,000
Borough of Montrose	Police Car	DCED	\$15,000
Gibson Township	Truck	DCED	\$25,000
Borough of Hallstead	Ballpark	DCNR	\$33,200
Silver Lake Police Department	Office Addition	DCED	\$18,833
Gibson Township	Cinder Shed	DCED	\$25,000
Middletown Township	Cinder Shed	DCED	\$10,000
Richmond Township	Land Purchase	DCED	\$10,000
Hamilton Township	Safe Water for Water System	DCED	\$100,000
Blossburg Borough	Water System	PennStep	\$8,000
Tioga Township	High Band Radios	DCED	\$8,000
Hamilton Township	Backhoe	DCED	\$25,000
Borough of Westfield	Generator	DCED	\$10,000
Laceyville Borough	Water System	PennStep	\$10,000
Mehoopany Township	Demolition of building to assist in construction of community park	DCED	\$15,000
Borough of Laceyville	Safe Water for Water System	DCED	\$150,000
Forkston Township Supervisors	Creek Jctn Park Rehabilitation Project	DCNR	\$30,000

The annual equipment show held each year throughout the region continues to attract more attendees and vendors. This year, over 700 attendees and 98 vendors gathered for the Susquehanna/Wyoming and Tioga/Bradford shows.

This is an opportunity for networking between township officials and a way for them to learn about the latest equipment available for maintaining their territories.



## 2008 Equipment Shows

# Helping Businesses Enter the Government Marketplace

The Procurement program helps businesses in the Northern Tier market their products and services to local, state, and federal governments. We are able to provide an initial assessment of marketing potential and match the businesses with specific agency bid opportunities.

NTRPDC's Procurement Program clients attained awards of \$15,619,627 with 282 contracts awarded in 2008. Procurement clients awarded contracts include:

- Gladding Braided Products, LLC
- Montrose Publishing Company, Inc.
- Spectrum Electrical Services, Inc.
- B & K Equipment Co.
- McCall Masonry
- Nestor's Service Center, Inc.
- Halsey, Inc.
- Mark Whitehead Electrical Contractor, Inc.
- Global Tungsten & Powders Corp.
- Staver Hydraulics Co., Inc.
- D3 Webb Design
- Thomas Magnetix, Inc.
- Nickels Tool & Model Shop

Women Win!



start grow prosper

## Women Win!

**W**omen Win, is a series of three one-day workshops designed to give women the skills and support they need to start and run a viable business. Eleven women successfully completed their certification in November 2008.

NTRPDC partnered with the University of Scranton Small Business Development Center (SBDC) and Penn College North Campus to help participants learn about entrepreneurship, start up basics, business plan structure and development, and finance options and applications. They also conducted individual self assessments, used computers to explore research tools, and set personal goals. Experienced local women entrepreneurs participated by sharing their stories and lessons with the participants during a panel discussion in the last session. Each participant received a certificate upon completion.

Women Win! was developed in 2007 by SBDC business consultant Donna Simpson. The first session was held in Lackawanna County and also served eleven women.



Thanks to financial support from Northwest Savings Bank, First Citizens Bank, Citizens and Northern Bank, First Energy/Penelec, Blue Ridge Communications, Frontier Communications, and the Tioga County Development Corporation, we were able to offer this workshop for free to all eleven participants.

# Helping Businesses Develop International Markets

**N**orthern Tier export clients report an increase in sales. In 2008, Northern Tier Export clients reported total sales of over \$13.8 million to 18 countries. This was an increase from 2007 of over \$1 million. The top 5 countries exported to were:

1. China \$4.4 million
2. Canada \$3.7 million
3. Saudi Arabia \$2.2 million
4. Taiwan \$1 million
5. India \$1 million

Other countries with high exports include the United Kingdom, Mexico, and Pakistan.

By providing technical assistance locally and globally, Pennsylvania has obtained the rank of 11<sup>th</sup> highest state in annual exports. Assistance available includes market research, website internationalizing, Market Access Grants, trade events, and export counseling to name a few.

One way Pennsylvania helps businesses explore opportunities in foreign markets is by offering the expertise of more authorized trade representatives than any other state. There are twenty four representatives in twenty three countries around the world. The most recent addition is an office in the United Arab Emirates. Businesses in the Northern Tier region have utilized fifteen trade reps in the past year to assist them with export needs in twenty countries. The reps used most frequently included Czech Republic, India, Israel, Japan, Mexico, Singapore, Spain, and United Kingdom.

An example of a company who has utilized various export assistance is Marson Energy in Susquehanna County. The company received a Market Access Grant to attend a Trade Mission in South Africa where the trade representative set up one-on-one business meetings for the company with ten potential customers. Also, Oak Hill Veneer, Inc. used the assistance of the trade reps in Mexico and the United Kingdom to set up meetings with eight potential customers.



L-R : James Biery, Deb Mathers and Sherry Felten. James won the regional contest with an essay on his experience as an emergency medical services volunteer. James also earned a third place finish at the state level.

## Health Career Week

**H**ealth Careers Week is an annual event created to generate interest among youth in pursuing one of Pennsylvania's exciting health care careers that offer rewarding benefits such as competitive pay and opportunity for advancement.

Awareness events were held throughout the region to connect health care professionals with high school students. It gave students the opportunity to learn about and be inspired to pursue health care occupations that they wouldn't normally consider.

In addition to events, students in grades 9-12 who are contributing to the healthcare field through paid or part-time work were invited to participate in a statewide essay contest. James Biery from Sayre High School wrote about his experience as an emergency medical services volunteer and won the region wide contest. James also placed third overall in the statewide contest where he was honored in Harrisburg.

"Health services is one of the largest industries in the country," states Sherry Felten, Workforce Program Manager. "Twelve out of thirty occupations projected to grow the fastest are concentrated in health services. Most of these occupations require less than four years of education. Through 2014 when high school students hit the job market, there will be nearly 7,000 new openings in Pennsylvania every year in five of the most in-demand health care occupations."

# Industry Partnership/Industry Partnership Worker Training Grants

**P**ennsylvania remains at the leading edge of the U.S. movement to build a workforce system that is responsive and can meet the skill needs of employers and boost the competitive position of the business community.

An Industry Partnership is a multi-employer collaboration of management and employees to improve the competitiveness of a cluster of companies. The companies may produce similar products or services, share similar supply chains, have critical human resource needs, similar infrastructure requirements or business services. These partnerships serve as the foundation to identify the training needs of an industry sector and develop effective and responsive training solutions that will enhance the cluster's competitive edge.

To meet the growing need for workforce excellence in Pennsylvania, the Commonwealth has developed a \$15 million Industry Partnership Worker Training Grant program to further support targeted industries as part of the Governor's Job Ready Pennsylvania initiative. These funds are targeted to the common high skill training needs of multiple employers within an industry cluster.

Locally, the Northern Tier Workforce Investment Board has formed a consortia with three neighboring workforce investment boards to serve a twelve county area. The consortia is involved in seven training areas including advanced or diversified manufacturing, electronics, early education, healthcare, logistics/transportation, and energy.

Local businesses using the Advanced Manufacturing/Diversified Manufacturing Worker Training Grant include:

- Gehman's Ornamental Iron
- MetalKraft
- Ideal PMT Machine
- Peck Precision Machine

Types of training include: welding, business blueprint reading, and CAD CAM (computer aided design and computer aided machining). Training Grants totaled \$26,897.00.

Local businesses and organizations using the Healthcare Industry Partnership Worker Training Grant include:

- Towanda Memorial Hospital
- Robert Packer Hospital/Guthrie Healthcare System
- Bayada Nurses
- Smith's personal Care Home
- Wellsboro Shared Home
- CareGivers America
- Martha Lloyd Community Services
- The Laurel's Assisted Living Facility
- Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hospital
- Darway Nursing Home
- Twin Oaks Personal Care Home
- Meador's Personal Care Home

Trainings taking place included: Supervisory Development course, managing infection control, managing patient expectations, training for LPN to RN, Certification renewal for In-Patient Obstetrics, Certification in Hospice and Palliative Nursing, Ventilator

Functions, C N A Certification, Business Associates Degree, Masters Degree in Health Science, Screen Training, Personality Disorders, Dementia Alzheimer's Caregiving, Valuing Diversity, Dealing with Food Allergies, Communicable diseases, etc. and Medicare & speech pathologists for Long Term Care theory Assessment and support plans. These grants totaled \$69,518.





# Helping Businesses and Communities Get Connected

The Information Technology Program augments both local government and small businesses through grants, training, and technical assistance. In 2008, 91 local governments received grants totaling \$44,798.71 and 62 small businesses received website grants totaling \$47,647.22.

Out of 166 municipalities in the Northern Tier Region, 150 (91%) have received assistance since the program's inception.

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## 62 Small Businesses Received Website Grants Totaling \$47,647.22

"I am very grateful for this program. I hope you are able to continue offering this valuable, worthwhile program. Thank You."  
—Lisa Wray Productions

"Thank you for providing this great assistance."  
—Leadership that Works, Inc.

"I am extremely thankful for this financial assistance and feel this is a valuable service that is provided. The people that I have been in contact with have been informative, professional and very courteous. Thank You."  
—Val's Quilting

"Everyone has been very helpful – We enjoy working with NTRPDC."  
—Head to Toe Salon & Spa



## 91 Local Governments Received Grants Totaling \$44,798.71

"This program allows the Borough to keep equipment current and affordable."  
—Borough of Forest City

"This grant enabled our small township to provide up-to-date hardware for long term record keeping by our secretary-treasurer. Without these funds we would not be able to provide the necessary equipment at this time."  
—Nelson Township

"We are very thankful for the software grant. Our township wouldn't have updated its QuickBooks program otherwise."  
—Stevens Township

"The Hardware/Software grant program has allowed our small municipality to keep up to date with time saving equipment and programs. Thank you again for supporting this grant program."  
—Tunkhannock Township





## Workforce Investment Board Receives Award

***NTRPDC has received a \$100,000 incentive grant from the state for their achievement and to enhance future operations.***

**A**fter meeting rigorous High Performance Standards, the Northern Tier Workforce Investment Board (WIB) has been designated a “Pennsylvania High Performing Local Workforce Investment Board” by the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry.

The WIB has met or exceeded all nine federal common measures for its programs. Accomplishments include establishing and operating the Northeast Pennsylvania Healthcare Industry Partnership and the development of training partnerships and opportunities with local employers in the advanced manufacturing/diversified manufacturing, electronics, logistics and transportation, energy and oil and gas fields. The WIB also piloted a project to help address the statewide nursing shortage and a program for on-line training.

“This designation was possible thanks to the hard work of our staff and board members and their commitment to continued improvement of our workforce development programs,” said Frank Thompson, Deputy Director.

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# Long Range Transportation Plan Approved

The Long Range Transportation Plan was adopted in October of 2008 in concert with a broader context of land use and economic development strategies. The process is referred to as Land Use Transportation and Economic Development process. Residents, businesses owner and local officials throughout the region contributed to the process and success of the plan.

The region's transportation system is a significant resource that provides the people and businesses of the Northern Tier with access to their neighbors and the nation. Demographic and economic trends directly affect transportation demand and, likewise, transportation can affect the economic vitality of the region.

The trends and implications outlined in the Long-Range Transportation Plan will bring continuing challenges as the region works to meet the travel needs of people and goods. The region's transportation systems will have to respond to growing travel demands on roadways and bridges; the special travel needs of an older, more diverse population; the growing importance for reliability and predictability in transportation services; and expanding international markets.



The isochronal map of drive times above shows the region's relationship with four of the primary economic centers that surround it. The figure demonstrates that – with the exception of Sullivan County and western Tioga County – most of the region is within a 45 minute drive of a major economic center. This also demonstrates the region's labor shed.

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