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## **Bellemarque, West Hazleton Receives Loan Funds from the Northeastern Pennsylvania Alliance (NEPA)**

**PITTSTON, PA, December 15, 2011** – Officials gathered recently to present checks for \$200,000 in Small Business First Loan Funds and an ARC/USDA Loan for \$105,000 to Nicholas and Alec Marcalus, Bellemarque LLC, a sanitary paper product manufacturing company, West Hazleton for the purchase of machinery and equipment.

The Northeastern Pennsylvania Alliance offers a variety of financing programs for businesses. For more information, contact Dave Nat, Business Finance Manager, NEPA Alliance at 570-655-5581.



### **EDITOR'S NOTE: PHOTOS ATTACHED**

#### **Photo #1 – SBF Loan**

Pictured, from left: Joseph Boylan, Chief of Staff, Senator John Yudichak; Jack St. Pierre, Director, CAN-BE, Inc.; Kevin O'Donnell, President, CAN DO; Jeffrey Box, President & CEO, NEPA Alliance; Stefanie Pollock, District Director, Congressman Lou Barletta; Tom Williams, State Director, USDA Rural Development; Alec Marcalus; Dave Nat, Business Finance Manager, NEPA Alliance; Nicholas Marcalus, President/CEO, Bellemarque; Anna Cervenak, NEPA Board Member and Donna Palermo, President, Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce and NEPA Board Member.

#### **Photo #2 – ARC/USDA Rural Development Loan**

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