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Workforce Wayne Receives \$53,000 in Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) Grant Funding

PITTSTON, PA, December 15, 2011 – Officials gathered recently to present a check for an Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) Grant of \$53,000 to Workforce Wayne. The funding will aid Workforce Wayne in getting a Career and Technical Center (CTC) built in the area to train Wayne and Pike County students.

This grant will assist with plans to issue requests for proposals for both an engineering/funding breakout study and a CTC impact study to continue the work on this project. Workforce Wayne will look into what impact having such a center would have on the community and its economy, while putting engineers to work on plans for the project so the next phase can begin by actually going out to look for grants and other funding sources to build the center.

The Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) is a regional economic development agency that represents a partnership of federal, state and local government. For over forty years, NEPA Alliance has served as the regional development district for the programs and services of the Appalachian Regional Commission.

This federal agency has provided significant grant assistance in Northeastern Pennsylvania for a myriad of projects that have led to job creation, private investment and community improvements in the region.



EDITOR'S NOTE: PHOTO ATTACHED

Pictured, from left: Donna LaBar, Executive Director, Wayne County Chamber of Commerce, Workforce Wayne and NEPA Board Member; Peter Wulfhorst, Community Development Agent, Penn State Cooperative Extension and NEPA Board Member; Mary Beth Wood, Executive Director, WEDCO, Workforce Wayne and NEPA Board Member; Mark Graziadio, VP, Honesdale National Bank and NEPA Board Member; Jeffrey Box, President & CEO, NEPA Alliance; William Murray, District Office Outreach Specialist, Representative Michael Peifer and Bruce Mackle, Field Representative, Senator Lisa Baker.