





# Empowering People, Developing Businesses, & Strengthening Communities



The Northern Tier Regional Planning and Development Commission (NTRPDC) is the Local Development District (LDD) serving the Pennsylvania counties of Bradford, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Tioga and Wyoming.

We provide business financing, international trade counseling, government contract assistance, grant writing, transportation planning and workforce development services.

# **NTRPDC Upcoming Opportunities**



## **NTRPDC Annual Meeting**

Friday, October 20th, 2023 Registration at 10:00 a.m.

Troy Sale Barn 50 Ballard Street Troy PA, 16947

Join us in celebrating Northern Tier Regional Planning and Development Commission's 50+ years in business!

Click here to RSVP by October 13th

#### Jobfest 2023

Thursday, October 12th, 2023 12 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Sullivan County Library 206 Center St., Dushore, PA 18614

Click here for more info!





## **Tioga County Job Fair**

Tuesday, October 17th, 2023 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Wellsboro Area School District-Administration Building Gymnasium 225 Nichols Street Wellsboro PA 16901

Click here for more info!

# Helping Businesses and Communities

#### **Business Financing**



#### Oliver's Pub & Grill

Deborah Scavone, current owner of Original Italian Pizza (OIP) in Wysox, received funding as a partnership between NTRPDC, Central Bradford Progress Authority, and PS Bank to purchase Oliver's Pub & Grill. Deb has many years of experience in the food service industry and has been a long-term supporter of her community. We wish her all the best in this new endeavor!

## Stickbuilt Welding, LLC

New Tioga County business, Stickbuilt Welding, LLC, received funding as a partnership between NTRPDC and Develop Tioga. Owner Tyler Stickler, is an experienced welder with a welding/fabrication shop and mobile capacity for his business. Welcome Stickbuilt Welding, LLC!





#### **Stacey Urban, Loan Program Manager**

If you are interested in business financing for your new or existing business, please contact Loan Program Manager, Stacey Urban at 570-265-1510 or urban@northerntier.org.

# Northeast Healthcare Industry Partnership Meets



Healthcare providers met for a partnership update on September 26, at the Bradford County Emergency Management Building in Towanda. The meeting was led by facilitator Kerri Strauss, from Kerri Strauss Consulting, who reported on the partnership's recent accomplishments. Some of the highlights include the creation of a Health Care Careers magazine that provides valuable information on opportunities in demand throughout the Northeast. This magazine is designed to be a resource for both students and adults interested in pursuing careers in healthcare.

In May, a social media campaign was launched, which included a healthcare hero

contest to recognize the dedication of individuals working in the healthcare field. This campaign was successful, generating over 13,000 impressions across various social media platforms. The partnership also supported several healthcare related events throughout the coverage area focused on recruitment and promotion of career opportunities.

The Northeast Healthcare Industry Partnership represents a comprehensive approach to address the needs of the healthcare industry. It involves collaboration between the Northern Tier, Lackawanna, Luzerne/Schuylkill and Pocono Workforce Development areas spanning 12 counties in the Northeast.

Members of the partnership have access to educational opportunities that emphasize continuous career development. If you are interested in learning more about this industry partnership, please contact Melissa Fleming at fleming@northerntier.org.

This initiative is grant funded through the Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry.

#### **What's So Cool About Manufacturing 2024**

The Northern Tier's What's So Cool about Manufacturing (WSCM) competition is gearing up for the **4**<sup>th</sup> year of the contest!

We are anticipating 10 schools participating across the region for the 2023-24 competition.



For more details about the competition, or if you are a manufacturer interested in participating in the program, please contact Rachel Selleck, Project Development Manager at selleck@northerntier.org.

#### **LAUNCH! Your Success**



The LAUNCH! Your Success program is federally funded and provides eligible young adults, aged 14-24, assistance in achieving academic and employment success. Career advisors work with participants to assess barriers and facilitate in eliminating

them. The program can also provide work-based learning opportunities, GED obtainment, career exploration/education and mentoring just to name a few.

To learn more about LAUNCH! Your Success, check out the website **LAUNCH! Your Success** or catch up on the **LAUNCH! Fall Newsletter 2023.** 

#### NTRPDC Hosts Internal Controls for Non-Profits Class

NTRPDC hosted a nonprofit internal controls workshop on Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. During the event, attendees learned about crucial topics such as fraud prevention and detection and how to effectively address fraudulent activities within their organizations. The workshop also shed light on the fundamental concept of internal controls and



emphasized best practices for their implementation. The collaborative atmosphere fostered a dynamic exchange of ideas among participants, allowing them to learn from one another's experiences and collectively strengthen their capacity to safeguard their nonprofits against financial risks.

If interested in hosting a nonprofit internal controls workshop in your county, please contact Amy Benjamin at <a href="mailto:benjamin@northerntier.org">benjamin@northerntier.org</a>.

#### **Government Procurement Services**

The Northern Tier Regional Planning and Development Commission APEX Accelerator is a free service offered to companies located in the five northern tier Pennsylvania counties of Bradford, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Tioga, and Wyoming.

The APEX Accelerator is designed to increase the number of companies within the region receiving government contracts by educating them on how to market their products and services to the government and to offer technical assistance and support through each phase of the procurement process.

Interested parties in applying for grant funding opportunities should register in SAM.gov. Northern Tier's APEX Accelerator program can help any municipality or non-profit entity register in SAM.gov free of charge.



Ethan Sexton, APEX Accelerator Program Manager For more information, please contact APEX Accelerator Program Manager, Ethan Sexton at 570-265-1511 or sexton@northerntier.org.

## 2023 Tioga/Bradford Equipment Show





On Thursday, August 24th, over 170 municipal officials and 33 vendors attended the 28th Annual Tioga/Bradford Equipment show held at Alparon Community Park in Troy, PA. Attendees enjoyed a morning of networking, attending product sessions, viewing vendor displays, and roundtable discussions.

Brett Voloshin, GIS Coordinator/Regional Planning Assistant did a great job spearheading the event with the Tioga/Bradford committee!

## **Spotted Lanternfly**

Spotted lanternfly (SLF) egg masses are laid in the late summer and into the early winter, with the majority of egg mass deposition occurring in October. These egg masses survive winter and hatch



into SLF nymphs in the spring. Each egg mass contains an average of 30-50 eggs, and an individual female can lay at least 2 egg masses. Please check your vehicle for egg masses before leaving an SLF quarantine zone and remove any that you see. However, there are a few things you should know before you proceed to squash and scrape! Learn first-hand how to scrape and destroy spotted lanternfly egg masses <u>here</u>.

Additionally, on our staff is Cynthia Traore, a SLF certified trainer and permit holder. She is available for questions and presentations and can be reached at traore@northerntier.org.

## **BST Employer Newsletters**



The Northern Tier Business Services Team distributes a monthly employer newsletter with county specific information. Click on the link for your county below to read information on local PA CareerLink® events, DEIA, and other employer specific topics.

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