



Upcoming Opportunities

Save the Date!

**NTRPDC & University of
Scranton SBDC
Lender's Breakfast**

April 24th

Troy Firehall



More Information Coming Soon!



Save the Date!

NTRPDC Full Commission Meeting

May 2nd

Mansfield Firehall

More Information Coming Soon!

2025 WSCM Voting and Awards Ceremony



In just a few weeks, the Northern Tier's What's So Cool about Manufacturing (WSCM) competition will be wrapping up its **5th** year of the contest! This year, 9 schools and manufacturers across the Northern Tier region teamed up to create 2-minute videos to answer the question, "What *is* so cool about manufacturing?". Voting for these student-created videos will take place **April 1st-3rd**. Click [here](#) to cast your vote and learn more!

Additionally, an awards ceremony will be held to celebrate the hard work of this year's participants. Details here:

WSCM Award Ceremony
Keystone Theatre
601 Main Street
Towanda, PA 18848
April 11th, 2025 - 9:30 a.m.

Please RSVP by April 4th to Rachel Selleck, Project Development Manager at selleck@northerntier.org

Action Requested: **Elevate Statewide Business Engagement Workshops**

Join leaders from Pennsylvania's outdoor recreation industry to help shape its future. Throughout March, the Pennsylvania Office of Outdoor Recreation is hosting statewide sessions that will give you an opportunity to share ideas on the creation of a new, statewide industry alliance for outdoor recreation businesses.

Session Overview

Each session will begin at 3:00 pm and include a two-hour workshop, followed by a social hour. Each session aims to:

- Establish high-level priorities to best serve the industry.
- Understand the unique priorities and needs of the industry sector and regions across the state.
- Expand the statewide network of outdoor recreation industry businesses and stakeholders.
- Build momentum and awareness to create an outdoor recreation industry alliance.

Local Opportunities

- March 20th - Williamsport
- March 13th - Wilkes-Barre

A clickable, shareable PDF invitation can be found [here](#).

Northern Tier Career Connect



On Friday, January 31st, Career Coach, Samantha Shurtleff, and Business Education Program Manager, Renae Chamberlain, presented to the Greater Wyalusing Valley Chamber of Commerce to discuss the current career coach services provided to Wyalusing School District through the Northern Tier Business Education Partnership, and the expansion of those

services through the Twin Tier Arise Program. **[Click here to read more.](#)**



Northern Tier Career Connect is a new, **FREE** online resource that was developed to help connect students and employers throughout the Northern Tier region for work-based learning opportunities. *Northern Tier Career Connect* offers employers the opportunity to develop their future workforce by providing students with information and experiences relevant to their industry and business. Students are able to search *Northern Tier Career Connect* and, with the help of a liaison, make requests for work-based learning opportunities directly to employers. Over the past two weeks, we have held four information sessions for schools, service providers, and businesses to learn more about Northern Tier Career Connect. More than 50 individuals participated in the information sessions representing 13 school districts and over 20 employers.

In order for this resource to be effective, we need employers and schools or service providers to register on the website. Register today at <https://www.ntcareerconnect.com/>, or **Book time with Renae Chamberlain to learn more about *Northern Tier Career Connect*.**

NTRPDC Staff Members Named to Interim Advisory Committee Positions with the International Economic Development Council (IEDC)



The Northern Tier Regional Planning and Development Commission is pleased to announce that two staff members have been appointed to interim advisory committee positions with the International Economic Development Council (IEDC).

Stacey Urban, Loan Program Manager, was recently appointed to a one-year interim term on the IEDC Membership Engagement Advisory Committee, after which she will transition into a two-year term. As a member of this committee, Stacey will work with the committee on membership engagement and enhancement. It explores ways to communicate IEDC membership benefits to non-members, including analyzing other organizations' programs and the IEDC membership survey for cost-effective service ideas. Stacey has been employed with the NTRPDC since 2014 as the Loan Program Manager and is responsible for the administration and oversight of a robust loan portfolio at the agency.

Cynthia Traore, Business Development Administrator, will serve a one-year interim term on the International Advisory Committee, followed by a two-year term upon its completion. This committee fosters networking and knowledge sharing among globally active members. It also advises on international content for IEDC conferences, courses, and research. Cynthia has been employed with the NTRPDC since 2000 and has held several positions within the agency during that time. In 2022, she transitioned into the role of Business Development Administrator, serves as the regional PREP/Engage! Coordinator, and provides oversight for several business development programs at the NTRPDC.

The International Economic Development Council (IEDC) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting economic developers through professional development, research, conferences, and membership opportunities.

Manufacturing Industry Partnership Meeting

On January 23rd, Brian Matyjevich, Authorized OSHA Outreach Trainer and NEPIRC's Professional Safety Expert & Lean Specialist, presented at the Northern Tier Regional Planning and Development Commission's (NTRPDC's) quarterly Manufacturing Industry Partnership meeting. Brian discussed medical marijuana and the workplace to a room of regional manufacturers who had many questions, which led to a lively discussion.



NTRPDC's Manufacturing Industry Partnership is open to any manufacturer in the Northern Tier. The next meeting is scheduled for **April 24th at 8 a.m.**, location to be determined.

Anyone interested in learning more about the Industry Partnership or would like to attend a meeting should contact Melissa Fleming at fleming@notherntier.org.

Business Financing



Meadowlark Counseling Services

Meadowlark Counseling Services opened in September 2023 to provide outpatient substance use treatment services for Tioga County and beyond. Since opening, their patient list has increased to the point that they have outgrown their current office. With funding from NTRPDC, Meadowlark will be moving to a larger facility with more space to accommodate the growing need of their services. We wish them all the best!



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.

Troy Workforce & Trades Fair



NTRPDC career coach, Pat Chappell recently organized a career day at Troy High School with the help of the administration, school counselors and other staff. The main focus of the event on January 16th was to showcase careers with short-term or on the job training requirements including registered apprenticeship. The Daily Review had a great write up about the event that can be found [here!](#)

Camp Cadet

In coordination with Towanda High School Career Coach Donna Yale, Trooper William Evans, the Director of Troop P Camp Cadet and Public Information Officer for Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) Troop P presented to the 7th and 8th grades on Wednesday January 8th.



Trooper Evans visited students to discuss his role with the PSP and introduced Troop P Camp Cadet, a free week-long law enforcement academy at Camp Kresge, White Haven, PA, from August 3-8, 2025. Open to ages 12-15, students from Bradford, Luzerne, Sullivan, and Wyoming Counties are invited to attend. Arrival is Sunday with a graduation ceremony on Friday evening. Cadets experience a packed schedule of exercises, PSP insights, and fun activities. Many students came forward to take applications home.

The students really enjoyed having Trooper Evans as a guest speaker and learning more about Troop P Camp Cadet. Having PSP come in allowed students to gain more career evidence (documentation) that meets the PA Career Education Standard 13.1.8. We extend our thanks to Trooper William Evans for visiting Towanda! Career coaches at several other Northern Tier schools also had Trooper Evans present to students. He said that he has received a lot of applications for the camp this year!

For more information on the Camp, [click here!](#)

BST Employer Newsletter



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

[February 2025 Employer Newsletter](#)

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