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**MVEDP'S 26th Annual
Presidential Recognition Awards**



The MVEDP celebrated its 26th Annual Presidential Recognition Awards. Pictured in the photo are the award winners along with MVEDP Board President and elected officials.

Front row left to right: Bryan Bennett, Joel Albert, Patty Albert, Jeff Herr, MVEDP Board President.

Second row left to right: Stan LaFuria, Rep. Tommy Sankey, Rep. Scott Conklin, U.S. Rep. Glenn Thompson.

**A Message from the
Executive Director**



The Philipsburg/Moshannon Valley region is blessed with many very well-managed businesses that are

vital to the regional economy. The recent results of the now two-year old business recognition program titled: "Governor's ImPACT Awards" bear this out. For the second year in a row, a Moshannon Valley-based company has won one of the ImPACT awards. Congratulations to **Pat Garrity** and his team at **REICHdrill, Inc.** on being

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MVEDP's Annual Presidential Awards Luncheon

Pictured Left to Right: Rep. Scott Conklin, U.S. Rep. Glenn Thompson, Senator Jake Corman, and Rep. Tommy Sankey.

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Executive Director's Message

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selected as the recipient of the Export Impact Award this year.

It was last year when the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania began the new business recognition program titled: "Governor's ImPact Awards." The purpose of this new awards program is to recognize businesses from across the state for their achievements in the categories of community impact, entrepreneur impact, export impact, jobs first impact, and small business impact.

Former REICHdrill, Inc. president Doug Burnsworth, would have been very proud to have his company recognized for their achievements in exporting. Drilling rigs made in the Philipsburg, Pennsylvania region are sold to companies and countries located throughout the world. For many years, REICHdrill officials have worked closely with Christine Perneski of the North Central PA Regional Planning & Development Commission's export office. Chris can provide invaluable assistance in the area of export development. For businesses in Centre County, the contact is Noel Long of SEDA-Council of Governments.

In 2013, another Moshannon Valley company received one of the Governor's ImPact Awards: Drucker Diagnostics, which won the Jobs First award. The Moscone family has done an outstanding job at growing their company over the past eighteen years.

Two other area companies and their leaders were recognized this year through their nominations for an award: **Brian Hoopsick**, President of PSP, Inc., and **Don Heaney**, President of Advanced Powder Products. There is a strong entrepreneurial spirit in the Moshannon Valley region and the nomination of these two entrepreneurs/business owners is proof positive of that spirit. Congratulations to Brian and Don for being nominated for a Governor's ImPact award.

MVEDP to Launch new Mobile Website

In this ever-changing world of new technology developments, web-based information sharing, cellular phones that are now hand-held computers, etc., the MVEDP continues to work to ensure that it's presentation of information to local and outside folks is as current and accessible as possible.

The MVEDP will soon be launching a new mobile friendly website. For a number of months now, the MVEDP has been working with Tom Laird of Laird Graphic and Design on a web site that will be accessible to people using their cell phones or tablets. Without the new mobile friendly web site, much of the MVEDP's current web site information would not be accessible to individuals using their phones/tablets seeking information about our multi-tenant buildings, sites, loan program and other services.

The MVEDP's mobile website has been designed to duplicate our current website but at a more condensed version. The new mobile web site will offer:

- larger user interface elements specifically for touch screen devices
- social networking links such as Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn
- YouTube channel displaying all multi-tenant building space currently available

PMG Expansion Project



PMG Pennsylvania Corporation is expanding their manufacturing facility located within the Moshannon Valley Regional Business Park in Rush Township. PMG is adding 27,000 square feet of building space to enhance their production capabilities. The project is expected to be completed by the end of the year.



Housing Rehabilitation Program

The MVEDP staff is getting ready to begin the implementation of its new housing rehabilitation program which targets neighborhoods in both Philipsburg Borough and Rush Township. Using \$350,000 in federal HOME Investments Partnership Program funds, the MVEDP will be working to assist income eligible, single-family homeowners.

The target area begins in the borough at N. Centre Street (Third Street) and extends out to the YMCA, with Presqueisle Street the boundary to the east, and Railroad Street to the west. Homeowners in the area of Rush Township near the former hospital and out to the Enterprise Center will also be considered. The funding is allocated on a first-come, first-serve basis. Anyone interested in this funding should contact Sherrie Beals at the Partnership at 342-2260.

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Former PAH – Update

The MVEDP continues to track the developments concerning the demolition of the former Philipsburg Area Hospital. This project is important to the region because upon completion, there will be another ready-to-go site available for future development.

The Pennsylvania Department of General Services (DGS) originally scheduled a demolition bid opening for May 20th but that bid opening was then pushed back to June 3rd. Bids have been opened and registered with DGS. Over 30 contractors paid for the plans and specifications related to this project. Liz O’Reilly, Deputy Secretary for Public Works at DGS, has explained that the contractor selection process is not based solely upon lowest cost. The bid proposals must be scored using other criteria established by DGS. O’Reilly recently wrote to the MVEDP to explain that the project is moving forward and a qualified contractor will be selected in the near future.

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PREP

(Partners for Regional Economic Performance)

The MVEDP has been providing business assistance to entrepreneurs and businesses in the Moshannon Valley region for 26 years. We are now participating in a formal program of business assistance called Partners for Regional Economic Performance (PREP). PREP is a state-wide network of partners designed to easily facilitate coordination of services to the business client. The MVEDP is partnering with the SEDA-Council of Governments and other service providers such as the Small Business Development Center at Penn State and the PA Department of Community & Economic Development.

To make the PREP program work, the staff of the MVEDP visits with area businesses to determine their needs or any issues that they might be dealing with. Other service providers are brought in to assist if necessary. Entrepreneurs and existing business owners are the two key targets for PREP assistance.

The PA Department of Community & Economic Development has contracted with a technology company to establish a confidential database of information concerning businesses that have been included in the PREP program. Other economic development service providers can easily be involved with the business because of the availability of the database. The bottom line with the PREP program is that it will result in stronger and more successful companies because of the assistance that will be provided.

Congratulations to the CCCTC

In a recent article that appeared in the Progress newspaper, the Clearfield County Career and Technology Center announced that every one of their students in the field of heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) was able to secure a new full-time job upon their completion of the training. This was only the second time ever that all of the graduates had jobs lined up upon graduation. Congratulations to Bill Weaver and his staff at the CCCTC.

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Penn Highlands' Project Moves Forward

Leaders of Penn Highlands Healthcare continue to move their proposed medical center project forward. Penn Highlands is proposing to construct a new healthcare facility in Rush Township along the Rt. 322 bypass between 9th Street and Weis Markets. This medical building will provide comprehensive medical services including: primary, diagnostic and specialty healthcare services as well as a walk-in clinic.

The Moshannon Valley Economic Development Partnership strongly endorses this project. On Thursday, May 22nd, Ray Graeca, President and CEO of Penn Highlands gave a presentation to the local Kiwanis Club about the project. He was the guest of MVEDP board member Karen Blair.

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New Government Economic Development Initiatives

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- Partnerships for Regional Economic Performance (state)
- Make it in America (federal)
- Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership (federal)
- JOBS1stPA (state)

The MVEDP is working with other economic development organizations to maximize the benefit of these initiatives here in the Moshannon Valley. The staff at SEDA-Council of Governments has taken a lead role in the administration of these initiatives and we are pleased to report that we have an excellent working relationship with that organization.



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