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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **TIOGA COUNTY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

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#### **Formal Debate for Congressional Nominees Planned in Tioga County**

Several Tioga County Non-Profit Organizations, being coordinated by the *Tioga County Development Corporation*, will hold a non-partisan Formal Moderated Debate for the Nominees of the United States 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. The Event will be held on Monday, October 20, 2008 in Straughn Auditorium on the campus of Mansfield University.

All three (3) Candidates, Jim Fryman (L), Mark McCracken (D) and Glenn Thompson (R), have confirmed attendance. Residents and Mansfield University students will have the opportunity to meet informally with the three (3) Candidates from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM. The Debate will begin at 7:00 PM. Dr. Jeffrey Bosworth, Mansfield University Associate Professor of Political Science will serve as the Moderator. After the Debate, Tioga County residents and Mansfield University students will have additional time to meet with the Candidates.

"This Debate is a follow-up to the Spring Primary Forum where 10 of the 12 candidates were present and the other 2 represented. We had over 100 people attend and many encouraged holding a fall General Election Debate," noted Robert J Blair, President/CEO of the *Tioga County Development Corporation*. "The last time TCDC conducted a Public Election Forum was 12 years ago for the same Congressional District. We are part of the largest Congressional District east of the Mississippi and wanted to give our residents the opportunity to meet the Candidates and learn about them and their platforms before going to the polls. We are pleased so many non-profits have joined us in support of this educational opportunity for our residents and the students of Mansfield University. We are pleased to partner with Mansfield University to hold the Debate on Campus and encourage MU students, faculty and staff to attend."

Those sponsoring the Debate include: *Tioga County Development Corporation*; Potter/Tioga Farm Bureau; Tioga County Partnership for Community Health; Betterment Organization of Mansfield (BOOM); Growth Resources of Wellsboro (GROW); Cowanesque Valley Joint Chamber of Commerce; Mansfield Area Chamber of Commerce; Wellsboro Area Chamber of Commerce; and Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce. (Other non-profits are encouraged to contact TCDC by phone at 570-723-8232 to be added as Co-Sponsors).

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