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MEDIA RELEASE

Peter Guidi, President and CEO of Ward Manufacturing, Inc., gives \$25,000 for Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program to Tioga County Foundation

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Ward Manufacturing, Inc. has made a cash contribution of \$25,000 through the Pennsylvania Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program (EITC) to the *Tioga County Foundation*. Ward Manufacturing Inc., headquartered in Blossburg, PA, has become the second largest supplier of pipe fittings in the United State as well as a multi-million dollar supplier of custom castings and gas meter parts. Through this program, and others, Ward Manufacturing, Inc. continues its work to strengthen the economic heart and soul of Tioga County.

Ward Manufacturing, Inc. has been a long-time contributor to the EITC program, and now that the *Tioga County Foundation* has been designated as an educational improvement organization under the Pennsylvania Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program (EITC), businesses may now make contributions to support the public school districts in our local area. Bill Williams, Vice-President of Human Resources at Ward Manufacturing, Inc. said, "Ward Manufacturing is always very pleased to be able to support the educational needs of our community in such a tangible way. The monies presented will further enhance the Tioga County Foundation's outreach to fulfill the educational needs of our community as a whole."

The funds are used to support local innovative educational programs for the schools in Tioga County. The *Tioga County Foundation* is currently using these tax credit funds to support local career development and school to work efforts within our districts through the *Tioga County Technology Education Center (TTEC)*. Karen Russell, 1st Vice-President of the *Tioga County Foundation*, said, "We are very grateful to Ward Manufacturing, Inc. for their generous contribution to our county's educational future."

The EITC authorizes the award of Tax Credits to businesses that make contributions to scholarship organizations and/or educational improvement organizations contained on a list published by the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED). A "contribution" from a company is a donation of cash, personal property or services.

For more information on how your company can participate in the Pennsylvania Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program (EITC) in Tioga County, please contact the *Tioga County Development Corporation*, (570)723-8232, 114 Main Street Wellsboro, Pennsylvania.



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