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**The Northeast PA Logistics and Transportation Industry Partnership Presents,
"Report to the Community: The Road Traveled, The Distance Yet To Go"**

(Wilkes-Barre, PA) –The Northeast PA Logistics and Transportation Industry Partnership will present, "Report to the Community: The Road Traveled, The Distance Yet To Go" on Monday, August 21 at 10:00AM. The informational session, press conference and networking luncheon will be held at the Woodlands Inn & Resort in Plains Township.

This event will celebrate and discuss the launch of the public image campaign for the Northeast PA Logistics & Transportation Industry Partnership. The event will also coincide with the celebration of National Truck Driver's Appreciation Week.

Special guest Sandi Vito, Deputy Secretary of Workforce Development, Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry will give a progress report on the Governor's Job Ready PA initiative.

Representatives from the industry, economic and workforce development, chambers of commerce and educational institutions in the Luzerne, Schuylkill, Lackawanna, Northern Tier and Pocono counties will be in attendance. They encourage the public to attend this event in order to be aware of the positive impact the Northeast PA Logistics & Transportation Industry Partnership has had on local companies and their employees, to learn about the partnership's plans for the future and to receive information on how to become involved.

In January 2006, the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry announced funding for the formation of the Northeast PA Logistics & Transportation Industry Partnership. The \$550,000 grant received by the Luzerne County Workforce Investment Board is part of Governor Rendell's strategy for building a skilled workforce, Job Ready PA.

The Luzerne/Schuylkill Workforce Investment Board is the fiscal recipient of the funds. The Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Business and Industry assists in the coordination of activities for the partnership and in the job training application process.

Area partners who worked with the Workforce Investment Board to secure the \$550,000 include, the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Business and Industry, Greater Pittston Chamber of Commerce, Penn State Wilkes-Barre, Hazleton and Schuylkill campuses and Luzerne County Community College. All of which have strong interest in strengthening the logistics and transportation segment of Northeastern Pennsylvania.

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DETAILS:

DATE: Monday, August 21, 2006

TIME: 10:00AM-11: 15AM – Presentations

11:15AM-11: 45AM – Press conference to introduce public image campaign for
NEPA Logistics & Transportation Industry Partnership

12:00PM-1:00PM – Networking luncheon

LOCATION: The Woodlands Inn & Resort

Route 315, Plains Township, PA

RESERVATIONS: RSVP by Thursday, August 17 to the Luzerne/Schuylkill Workforce Investment
Board in care of Karen Gallia at the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Business
and Industry at 570-823-2101 ext. 133 or at Karen@wilkes-barre.org

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