

ABOUT THE GREATER WILKES-BARRE CHAMBER OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY

The Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Business and Industry (CBI) is an organization that bridges business and community – building an environment for growth, pride and success in Greater Wilkes-Barre – today and tomorrow. Our goals are simple:

- Elevate Greater Wilkes-Barre's economy by encouraging and supporting business growth.
- Increase capital investment in the region and broaden the region's tax base.
- Make our region a premiere location for businesses and residents alike through projects that enhance the area's quality of life, education and workforce development, diversity and overall community image.

The Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Business and Industry is working on a wide range of projects – from business recruitment and job creation programs to Downtown revitalization and workforce development/training programs. Complementing those initiatives is the work of the CBI's three main subsidiaries – the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce, the Greater Wilkes-Barre Development Corporation and the Greater Wilkes-Barre Industrial Fund:

- **The Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce** is a membership organization, representing over 1,400 businesses by providing a wide range of targeted business programs and services. The Chamber of Commerce acts as the "Voice of Business" on issues that affect the community. Over 400 volunteers work to help provide the wide range of programs and services the Chamber offers, including networking sessions, legislative advocacy, business shows and promotional events, targeted marketing opportunities, business benefits programs, guide books and more.
- **The Greater Wilkes-Barre Development Corporation** owns, develops and manages area business parks – Crestwood Industrial Park, East Mountain Corporate Park, Hanover Crossings, Hanover Industrial Estates and Highland Business Park. In addition, this affiliate works to help locate and/or create the infrastructure needed for business growth and expansion within the area.
- **The Greater Wilkes-Barre Industrial Fund** handles business financing programs for industrial loans (coordinating efforts with federal, state and local officials).

For more information on the Chamber and on the work your Chamber is doing to build the future of the Greater Wilkes-Barre community, visit us online at www.wilkes-barre.org or contact Jane Ashton, Director of Workforce Development at the Chamber at (570) 823-2101 or jashton@wilkes-barre.org.