



WCIDC Approves Project to Modernize Jeannette Industrial Park Building

\$657,385 contract will update one of the park's last available spaces

GREENSBURG, PA, June 25, 2020 — The Westmoreland County Industrial Development Corporation (WCIDC) Board of Directors — Chair Sean Kertes, Vice-Chair Doug Chew and Secretary Gina Cerilli — today approved a \$657,385 project to renovate the interior of one of the last unoccupied buildings in Jeannette Industrial Park. A state Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) grant will cover the project's full cost.

Low-bidder TBI Contracting of McKeesport was awarded the contract to modernize the 50,095 SF building. TBI Contracting will:

- install energy-efficient LED interior lighting,
- insulate the roof,
- insulate exterior walls and finish them with interior paneling,
- replace its brick floor with concrete,
- replace existing exterior doors,
- construct a new women's restroom and
- refurbish an existing office, breakroom and men's restroom.

"These upgrades are going to make that space even more attractive to business, and that's going to help build on the momentum that we're seeing in Jeannette" said Chair Sean Kertes. "There's optimism and enthusiasm in Jeannette these days, and when you combine that energy with the incentives available through the city's designation as a federal Opportunity Zone, we think this upgraded industrial space is going to be very appealing to a lot of businesses."

Vice-Chair Douglas Chew is pleased that the WCIDC secured RACP funding to cover the improvements.

"As both WCIDC directors and county commissioners, we're looking to promote and encourage business development in the county while being fiscally responsible," Chew said. "Being able to reinvest in our properties and having the cost fully covered by a state grant make this a very easy choice for us."

There currently are only two unoccupied buildings in [Jeannette Industrial Park](#) (JIP). The 55,019-SF Building 108 is currently available, and Building 102 will be available when the renovations are completed. TBI Contracting is expected to finish work by Nov. 20 of this year.

"To stimulate job growth, you need to invest. And this just might be the ideal time for us — and private industry — to reinvest in Jeannette," Cerilli said. "We all see the progress that Elliott Group is making on its new \$60 million facility down the road from this industrial park, and just last month, Jeannette-based Stellar Precision Components signed a four-year lease at JIP to expand its operations. It feels like this city truly embodies the term 'Opportunity Zone.'"

About Westmoreland County Industrial Development Corporation

Founded in 1983 by the Westmoreland County Board of Commissioners, the Westmoreland County Industrial Development Corporation implements a comprehensive economic development strategy to promote growth in terms of job creation, economic output and a stable tax base for Westmoreland County. Through the development of a county-wide industrial park system, a responsive Business Calling Program and involvement in public/private partnerships, WCIDC strives to foster business growth, resulting in job opportunities for the citizens of Westmoreland County.

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