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## Gary Dovey Accepts Position at University of Pittsburgh—Bradford

Gary Dovey, New Industry Manager at the Oil Region Alliance, will leave his position here to become the Business Resource Director at the Bradford Campus of the University of Pittsburgh. He will begin his duties there on January 22.

He began his employment here four years ago at the Venango Economic Development Corporation (former Alliance name).

Randy Seitz, Alliance President and Chief Operating Officer, stated, “While we are very proud that Gary was selected for this position at Pitt-Bradford, the Alliance is losing a hard-working and dedicated employee who will be missed by the businesses, agencies, municipalities, and co-workers with whom he has been associated. We wish him the

best in his new position.”

Gary’s main focus at the Alliance is attracting new businesses, multi-municipality economic development planning, and managing the Barkeyville Industrial Park. His responsibilities include assisting Barkeyville on economic development issues and utility infrastructure; working on transportation enhancement planning for the Route 8 and 208 corridor; assisting Barkeyville Borough and Pine Township and Grove City in Mercer County in developing an Enterprise Zone for the Route 208 corridor; and assisting team Hardinger and other businesses on locating at the Barkeyville Industrial Park.

In connection with the Business Retention and Expansion Program,



Gary meets with businesses and assists with infrastructure and business management issues.

He serves on the Plan Review Committee for the Venango County Regional Planning Commission and assists with land development issues. He also serves as economic development advisor for Sandycreek, Scrubgrass, and Cherrytree Townships and Barkeyville Borough.

At Pitt-Bradford, he will be working with entrepreneurs and businesses and developing correlated strategies with other entities to provide business resources to regional businesses.

Gary stated, “I have found my position at the Alliance to be very rewarding in working with businesses and local and regional officials – a true learning experience that I will be able to carry forward into my new position. I will truly miss working with the Alliance staff, the businesses here, the local municipalities, and county officials.”

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