

- **Geisinger Health Systems** – Geisinger Health Systems has opened a 60,000 square foot office complex within the Glenmaura Corporate Center. The facility will operate as a customer service call center and patient financial service center employing 420.

- **Ford Pavilion at Montage Mountain** – Located high atop Montage Mountain, this new amphitheater has a seating capacity of 18,000, including 5,800 covered, reserved seats. National recording artists such as Aerosmith, Tom Petty, Tim McGraw, Britney Spears, Dave Matthews Band, Rod Stewart, Eminem and many others have performed at this venue.

- **Covington Industrial Park** – “Big box” distribution projects now have an excellent real estate option thanks to the efforts of developer Team First Industrial. This developer has constructed an 860-acre industrial park in Covington Township along Route 435 near Interstate 380. The park has been designed to accommodate up to 4.5 million square feet of distribution space. Approximately 225 acres are located within a Keystone Opportunity Expansion Zone. The park is home to Maytag and Caterpillar Logistics.

- **TMG Health Inc.** – TMG Health, a healthcare Business Process Outsourcing (BPO) company focusing on the Medicare and Medicaid market has located a 37,000 square foot office in the Scranton Enterprise Center employing 200. TMG provides operational outsourcing solution and information systems for health plans, providers and insurers.

- **Wachovia Arena at Casey Plaza** – Located at Exit 168 of Interstate 81, this new \$44 million, 9,000 seat complex serves as the home of the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins, the Pittsburgh Penguins’ American Hockey League franchise and the Wilkes-Barre Scranton Pioneers, an Arena Football League team. The complex is also used for conventions, ice skating competitions, concerts, and regional sporting competitions.

- **Hilton Scranton & Conference Center** – Located in the heart of Downtown Scranton with immediate access to the interstate system, the Hilton Scranton & Conference Center includes 26,000 square feet of meeting and pre-function space, 19 meeting rooms, a 7,000 square foot ballroom, a 74 seat amphitheater, and many additional amenities.

- **Jessup Small Business Center/Valley View Business Park** – Two major business parks have been developed by SLIBCO in close proximity to US Route 6. The Jessup Small Business Center (132 acres) and Valley View Business Park (127 acres) have been designed to accommodate manufacturing, distribution and office companies. Park tenants include Tucker Rocky, the Lackawanna County Emergency Management Agency and more than 300,000 square feet of available flex space. Both parks include large tracts of Keystone Opportunity Expansion Zone land. Master planning and engineering is underway for the development of Phase II of Valley View Business Park (830 acres).

- **Keystone Opportunity Zones (KOZ) / Keystone Opportunity Expansion Zones (KOEZ)** – These Commonwealth of Pennsylvania programs allow qualified companies to operate in selected geographic areas virtually tax-free through 2010 (KOZ) and 2013 (KOEZ). In these areas, eligible companies are not required to pay the state’s corporate net income tax, capital stock and franchise tax, and personal income tax. They may also be exempt from paying local real estate taxes and gross receipts taxes. In Lackawanna County, several sites have been designated as KOZs or KOEZs.

- **Speculative Development** – Chicago based developer Verus Partners and local developer Mericle Commercial Real Estate Services have over 300,000 square feet of speculative flex space under construction in the Jessup Small Business Center. Verus Partners is constructing a 166,000 square foot building on 10 acres. Mericle Commercial Real Estate Services is constructing a 140,800 square foot building on 22.62 acres. Both properties are located within a Keystone Opportunity Expansion Zone and will be available for lease during the Fall of 2005.

- **Passenger Rail Service to New York/New Jersey Metro Areas** – Approximately \$120 million has been appropriated via the recent passage of the Intermodal Transportation and Efficiency Act. The funds will be used to replace aging railroad tracks, build new rail stations, and purchase locomotives and cars for a new 130-mile passenger rail link to Hoboken, New Jersey from Downtown Scranton. Engineering for the project is underway and the line is expected to be operational by 2007.

- **Scott Technology Park Expansion** – The Scott Technology Park, the first built in the region primarily for pharmaceutical and technology companies, has been expanded by The Scranton Lackawanna Industrial Building Company (SLIBCO). The 75-acre expansion features eight lots ranging from three to 30 acres and are located within a Keystone Opportunity Zone.

- **Scranton Enterprise Center (SEC)** – This 64,415 square foot, multi-tenant office facility has been developed by SLIBCO in a Keystone Opportunity Expansion Zone, in Downtown Scranton. The SEC offers space for technology, service, and office clients. A portion of the Scranton Enterprise Center is dedicated as incubation space for start-up or expanding small businesses. Mentoring programs, financial assistance, and networking opportunities are offered to promote the growth of local technology companies. See www.scrantonenterprisecenter.com for details.

- **Lackawanna County Emergency Management Agency** – Lackawanna County recently selected Valley View Business Park for the construction of a 36,000 square foot emergency services center. Located immediately off Exit 3 of U.S. Route 6 the provides superior technical services and immediate access needed for an emergency services facility.