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Wachovia Bank Foundation recently presented an award to The Institute for Public Policy & Economic Development for support of its ongoing initiatives in the region. The Institute, with offices in Wilkes-Barre and Scranton is a research based think tank, which is a partnership of eight institutions of higher education in the region. Student interns and faculty from each institution of higher education are utilized at each location to conduct research and analysis, survey and interview work, writing and/or graphic design. Faculty is also encouraged to publish their work through the Institute.

Some of The Institute's work includes its annual publication entitled the Lackawanna Luzerne Counties Indicators Report is released at a public event in the spring. This publication details over 100 indicators that provide a glimpse on the region compared to other regions in the Commonwealth. The Institute has also recently released 2008 Lackawanna County Migration Report; the 2008 Luzerne County Migration Report; The Economic Impact of Marcellus Shale in Northeastern Pennsylvania; and The Impact of Marcellus Shale in Northeastern Pennsylvania with Emphasis on Charities, Crime, and Poverty.

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