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Omnova, PPL give to YES

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Omnova Solutions' Foundation and the PPL Corporation recently contributed \$7,500 to the new Your Employability Skills Certificate Program, a job skill building and enhancement program targeted at high school seniors.

"PPL has a long history of community involvement, support for education and concern for children," said Martha Herron, PPL's director of community relations. "We incorporate the aspects of good corporate citizenship into the way that we do business everyday. It is hard for me to imagine PPL not supporting a program such as YES which addresses key employability issues we all face."

PPL's \$5,000 contribution will help to offset program costs.

YES is a 120-hour, yearlong elective course that teaches high school seniors such skills as conflict resolution, interview training, resume writing and job application tips, time management and financial planning. Schuylkill County is currently the third region in Pennsylvania to offer YES, behind York and Erie counties.

The Schuylkill Haven Area School District became the first in Schuylkill County to implement the program for the 2006-07 school year.

YES is an initiative of the Schuylkill Workforce Partnership comprised of PPL, Northeast PA Manufacturers and Employers Association, Pennsylvania CareerLink, Schuylkill Chamber of Commerce, Schuylkill County Commissioners, Schuylkill Economic Development Corp. and Schuylkill Intermediate Unit 29. It is administered through the Northeast PA Manufacturers and Employers Council.

The Omnova Foundation supports programs that add quality of life to communities where their employees live and work.

"We're always pleased to find programs that support the workforce in the areas where we're located, and the YES program certainly qualifies," said Theresa Carter of the foundation.

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