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Lower Providence Township Earns Governor's Award For Economic Revitalization

LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP (*April 23, 2013*) – Lower Providence Township has been recognized for its economic revitalization work, earning a 2013 Governor's Award for Local Government Excellence. Lt. Gov. Jim Cawley presented the award to members of the Township's Business Development Team during a ceremony April 15 at the state Capitol in Harrisburg.

The Township was recognized in the "Promoting Community and Economic Revitalization" category for its successful efforts to create and retain jobs within its business park. As businesses - and valuable jobs - left the aging 300-acre business park, Township officials took the lead to formulate a revitalization strategy. Since 2007, the Township's investments have included infrastructure improvements, zoning changes and a Redevelopment Master Plan. The business park, bordered by Trooper, Audubon and Rittenhouse Roads and formerly known as the Valley Forge Corporate Center, also received a new name, Park Pointe at Lower Providence.



The goal to create and retain jobs, fill vacant buildings and increase property values has become a reality. Since the renovation work began in 2007, the Township has retained its two largest employers, representing 1,500 jobs and has attracted 22 new businesses, adding 825 additional jobs.

“The governor and I understand the immense responsibility you all have to provide solutions that make your community a vibrant place to live, work and raise a family,” Cawley said during the awards presentation. “Today is recognition of your dedication to public service, and a celebration of leadership and innovation that has resulted in vibrant communities for the citizens you serve.”

In total, eight local government leaders and 12 communities across the state received awards. The Governor’s Awards are presented annually to communities and individuals by the Governor’s Center for Local Government Services (GCLGS), an office within the Department of Community and Economic Development that works to assist Pennsylvania’s 2,562 local governments. A panel of judges from the GCLGS reviewed applications submitted by municipal organizations and officials from across the state and selected the award recipients.

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