

ROBERT J. BLAIR

Biography

Robert J. Blair is President and Chief Executive Officer of the *Tioga County Development Corporation*, the State Certified Industrial Development Corporation for Tioga County. As President/CEO of the *Tioga County Development Corporation*, he administers the *Corporation*; provides direct business assistance and loan financing to Tioga County Industries and businesses; serves as the Administrative Entity for the ***Tioga County Enterprise Zone***, is designated by the Tioga County Commissioners to operate the Business Retention & Expansion Program; and developed and implements ***Leadership Tioga County***, encouraging our young people to stay and work in Tioga County and Pennsylvania. He has been in the field of economic and community development for 35 years.

A native of Tioga County, Bob graduated from the Wellsboro Area School District in 1967. He attended the Williamsport Area Community College, majoring in Liberal Arts (1967-69). He holds a BA from Bloomsburg University in Political Science and Public Administration (1972) and has completed half of his MBA from Syracuse University.

Professional Affiliations include:

- ❑ Member of the *Pennsylvania Economic Development Association (PEDA)* since 1978; was elected to the PEDA Board of Directors in October 1999; *PEDA*, President (2009-Present), 1st Vice President (2007-2009), 2nd Vice President, 2004-2006, Secretary, 2001;
- ❑ Member of the *Northeast Economic Development Association (NEDA)*, 1999 - Present;
- ❑ Member of the Route 15 Coalition & Appalachian Thruway Association;
- ❑ Serves on the Board of Directors & is a Work Group Co-Chair for the *Tioga County Partnership For Community Health* (1994-Present);
- ❑ NTRPDC *Work Force Investment Board (WIB)* 2001- Present and NTRPDC RLF Loan Committee 2002-Present;
- ❑ Corporate Secretary of the *Tioga County Foundation* (1999- Present);
- ❑ Former Chair of the *Tioga County Employer Advisory Council*.

Volunteer Affiliations:

- ❑ Board of Directors of the *First Heritage Federal Credit Union* since 1999 (Member/1976); Chairman of the Board, May 2010
- ❑ President of the *Wellsboro High School Alumni Council*
- ❑ Co-Chair of the Wellsboro Relay for Life
- ❑ Serves as a Volunteer Docent at the Gmeiner Arts & Cultural Center
- ❑ Served as President of the *Wellsboro Borough Council* (1984-1989) and former President of the *Tioga County Association of Boroughs*