

WELCOME

100 of the region's best organizations selected

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Year after year Pennsylvania Business Central's list of 100 top organizations provides a snapshot of the economy and profiles many of the extraordinary businesses and institutions that call this region home.

In this year's list, you'll find large companies, from banks to manufacturers, grocers to researchers. You'll also find smaller companies that have distinguished themselves in 2012 by performing well or winning an award.

Even a quick perusal of PBC's Top 100 reveals that our 20-county service region includes world-class healthcare providers as well as some of the nation's most successful manufacturers. You'll find educational institutions that rival the best in the world and service companies that have realized the many opportunities presented to them in spite of the soft economy.

It will also be clear to the casual observer that the natural gas industry continues to make an important

impact across the entire region. From drillers to pipeline builders and all the ancillary companies that serve the Marcellus Shale industry, the great potential of natural gas is just now beginning to become clear.

Please join us in congratulating the 100 Top Organizations as named by the readers of PBC, and the business and economic development communities we reach out to every year.

First, a word about the selection process: Each year we seek nominations from across the business spectrum. We also include organizations that have been covered in our business journal during the year, especially those that have had a particularly noteworthy year.

Finally, here is a brief word about the individuals who contributed to this edition of the Top 100. My sincere thanks to Lauren Muthler, PBC staff writer and researcher; editorial intern Ally Wicks; and, Regional Business Analyst Brock Pronko for their excellent editorial contributions to this section.

We hope you will enjoy reading these short profiles

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and glean from them information that can help your business prosper and grow.

Please enjoy the 2012 edition of PBC's Top 100 Organizations. Let us know the organizations we should include next year!

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much, much more.

Considering the current health care environment, it is interesting to note that REI provides all of its employees with health care benefits, including part-time employees.

As a cooperative, REI is owned by its members, individuals who value world-class outdoor equipment for hiking, mountain climbing, camping and more. Each member receives a yearly dividend based upon the dollars spent in a given year.

New Pig Corporation always on the cutting edge *Blair County*



"There has to be a better way to soak up oil and grime from tanks, equipment, walls and factory floors than loose cat litter. What can we do?" In New Pig's case, this one question led to the invention of the PIG Absorbent Sock® and to a company that became the industry leader in quality absorbent products.

An idea is one thing, but turning that idea into a successful product and then continuing to innovate and develop additional products and setting the industry standard for quality and durability is quite another-and New Pig has done just that. New Pig has grown from a small company that made a couple hundred products, into a multichannel, multi brand supplier of more than 4,500 products, expanding into more than 70 countries worldwide, with annual sales increasing from \$13 to \$20 million.

The invention of the PIG Absorbent Sock® revolutionized industrial cleanup and set off a chain of other cutting-edge inventions, including the PIG Spillblocker, Dike-the PIG Drainblocker Drain Cover, the PIG Burpless Drain Funnel, and the PIG latching Drum Lid. And these are just a few examples. New Pig has not only become an internationally renowned name, but also remains a pillar in central Pennsylvania's local economy and one of the region's most creative marketers.

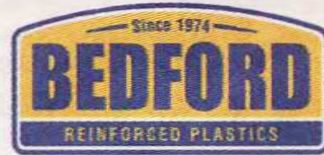
OMNI Bedford Springs Resort garners top awards

Omni Hotels & Resorts The OMNI Bedford Springs Resort and Spa continues

the community and the agricultural industry in any way it can.

PGP can process up to 40 million bushels of grain per year into 110 million gallons of ethanol and 330,000 tons of DDGS.

Remarkable growth at Bedford Reinforced Plastics



Products made by Bedford Reinforced Plastics can be found in the Bellagio Hotel in Las Vegas and inside the Hoover Dam, where a plastic canopy protects the tunnels that deliver water from the Colorado River to the generators that create power for the entire Southwest. They can also be found in hundreds places worldwide, wherever extruded reinforced fiberglass is the preferred material. That list is growing.

One of the top employers in Bedford County, BRP continues to deliver an excellent product to its growing list of customers. The company continues to grow, despite the challenges of soft national economy.

BRP offers the industry's most comprehensive product line on the East Coast and in the Gulf Region.

For the past 35 years, BRP has built a reputation based on excellent service and reliable products.

This home-grown company has developed into an international leader industries such as aerospace, air pollution, infrastructure, construction, corrosive environments, electronics, marine environments, mass transit, the military and waste water treatment.

BRP demonstrates the power of the region's workforce and manufacturing capabilities.

Mount Nittany Health System vision a reality



The vision and foresight that guided the Mount Nittany Health System over the past few years were exceptional. The leadership of this health care institution recognized the needs of the region and set out to achieve the kind of growth that would meet those needs.

Now, under the careful stewardship of President and CEO Steve Brown, the work