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SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority (JRA) Invests in Regional Promotion to Attract Investment in Central PA



Image left to right: Jennifer Wakeman, DRIVE; Scott Harvey, SEDA-COG JRA Chairman; Lauren Bryson, Focus Central PA; and Steven Beattie, SEDA-COG JRA

Lewisburg, PA – SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority (JRA), owner of six short line railroads in Central Pennsylvania is investing \$3,750 for 2025 to support the mission of Focus Central Pennsylvania to attract investment that cultivates economic growth in Central Pennsylvania. The investment was recognized at the February 12th Joint Rail Authority Board meeting by SEDA-COG JRA’s Executive Director Steven Beattie and Board Chair Scott Havey to Lauren Bryson, Focus Central PA’s Executive Director and Jennifer Wakeman, Executive Director of DRIVE, Chair of Focus Central PA Board of Directors.

“The JRA has witnessed the success of collaboration and partnership to effectively promote the region to attract high quality industrial investment projects and we are pleased to continue to support the valuable work of Focus Central PA to attract rail-served industries that contribute to economic investment and growth in the region” said Steven Beattie, Executive Director, SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority.

The Lewisburg, PA based JRA is an nine-county municipal authority offering the best of public ownership of the trackage and fixed facilities, while freight service to customers is handled by the private sector through an agreement with the North Shore Railroad Company & Affiliates. The SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority’s mission is to preserve and foster rail service in Central Pennsylvania and to further economic development through retention, improvement and expansion of the infrastructure and the rail service it supports. ***In the last ten years, The Rail Authority has reinvested over \$50 million into upgrades and replacement of rail facilities and development of additional tracks to serve new industrial sites.***

Focus Central Pennsylvania is part of a committed team in the region that is driving economic development for communities in Centre, Columbia, Montour, Northumberland, Union, Snyder and Mifflin communities. The mission is to attract investment that cultivates economic growth in Central PA. This work is done by proactively connecting with site location consultants and companies expanding.

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