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Historically Disadvantaged Businesses and Entrepreneurs get Huge Boost with Announcing of the GEEDC Business Development Center

The Media is invited to attend a 10:00 am Press Conference at 823 Peach Street in downtown Erie, PA to discuss details of the Grand Opening of a Business Development Center servicing 13 counties in Northwest PA.

With grant funding provided by the PA Department of Community and Economic Development (PADCED), we announce the advancement of the **Greater Erie Economic Development Corporation Business Development Center, (GBDC), a Historically Disadvantaged Businesses Assistance Program, (HDBAP) initiated by the commonwealth in November 2025 for Northwest Pa.**

Through a collaboration between 3iNetworking, LLC and GEEDC the group will open a Business Development center in Erie, to assist in the creation, sustainability, and growth of small, historically disadvantaged businesses across the thirteen (county) regions of Northwest Pa. The thirteen counties include Erie, Crawford, Cameron, Clarion, Clearfield, Elk, Forest, Jefferson, McKean, Mercer, Potter, Warren and Venango.

“We are very excited to start this partnership with you and continue to make a positive impact in our communities”, said **Noelia Ortiz de la Rosa**, Economic Development Analyst for PA Department of Community & Economic Development.

To service the regions and to have the greatest impact on business startups and acceleration of existing businesses, we will announce the opening of the headquarters office in Erie and two satellite offices serving the 13 County area. We will also identify direct initiatives and goals for growing the business community.

The GBDC Team will be on hand to answer your questions and provide more detail about the GRAND OPENING OF THE BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER.

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