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RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY FOR THE LONGEST COVERED BRIDGE IN PENNSYLVANIA

MIFFLINTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

P. JOSEPH LEHMAN, INC., CONSULTING ENGINEERS OF HOLLIDAYSBURG AND MOUNT JOY, PENNSYLVANIA is very pleased to announce the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Academia/Pomeroy Covered Bridge, Juniata County, the longest remaining historic covered bridge in Pennsylvania. At a ceremony held on Friday, June 5, 2009 at the rehabilitated bridge, officials and team partners celebrated over 7 years of work that went into making the rehabilitation project a reality. Owned by the Juniata County Historical Society in Mifflintown, the Academia/Pomeroy Covered Bridge was originally constructed in 1902 by James M. Groninger. At 280 feet, the historic structure spans the Tuscarora Creek in Beale and Spruce Hill Townships, Juniata County. Officials on hand to celebrate the \$1,240,000.00 project completion included The Juniata County

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Historical Society (bridge owners), the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, SEDA-COG, The Pennsylvania Historic and Museum Commission, P. Joseph Lehman, Inc., Consulting Engineers (the project engineers), and The Theodore Burr Covered Bridge Society of Pennsylvania. Funding for the rehabilitation of the bridge, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, came from The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, SEDA-COG, The Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development, The Pennsylvania Historic and Museum Commission, The Theodore Burr Covered Bridge Society of Pennsylvania, Congressman Bill Shuster (9th Congressional District), Pennsylvania State Senator Jake Corman (34th Senatorial District), and many other community donors. Joe Lehman, Jr., President of P. Joseph Lehman, Inc., Consulting Engineers, told a crowd of about 120 supporters, "*The rehabilitation of the Academia/Pomeroy Covered Bridge (one of 17 historic covered bridge rehabilitation projects the firm has completed) will stand as a testimony to the dedication of the project partners to preserve our rich transportation heritage in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.*"

For more information on the Academia/Pomeroy Covered Bridge or historic Covered Bridge Rehabilitation, please visit www.lehmanengineers.com.