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**LEHMAN ENGINEERS WINS BLAIR COUNTY CHAMBER EXCELLENCE IN
SMALL BUSINESS AWARD.**

ON OCTOBER 17, 2005, P. JOSEPH LEHMAN, INC., CONSULTING ENGINEERS OF HOLLIDAYSBURG WAS PRESENTED THE PRESTIGIOUS EXCELLENCE IN SMALL BUSINESS AWARD AT THE ANNUAL BLAIR COUNTY CHAMBER HALL OF FAME AND GENERAL BUSINESS AWARDS OF DISTINCTION.

Excellence in Small Business Award winners must meet a strict judging criteria which includes the following:

- ✓ Business nominated must have or have had operations in Blair County for at least 15 years.
- ✓ Business nominated shall be cited for business accomplishments.
- ✓ Business should demonstrate overall stability and growth in Blair County facilities, employment increases at Blair County facilities and increases in customer radius from Blair County operations.

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- ✓ When compared to others in the industry or fields of competition, business nominated should have a leadership position.
- ✓ Business should enjoy good visibility and image in the community.
- ✓ Company employees should enjoy a good "quality of life" in the work environment.
- ✓ Civic and/or volunteer work will be considered as well.
- ✓ Business nominated is not required to be a past or present member of the Blair County Chamber of Commerce.

Mistress of Ceremonies, Ms. Carolyn Donaldson presented the award to President Joe Lehman, Jr., who accepted on behalf of the engineering firm. Regarding the award, Lehman states, "*This award is proof that having a vision, working diligently toward specific business and community-oriented goals, and never forgetting that we exist because of our clients and employees really pays off.*" Lehman referred to several high profile projects which the firm has worked on, including the recently completed 7th Street Bridge Project located in the City of Altoona. He concluded by stating that the firm has been "*blessed with great employees and super clients.*"

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