

## Academic and Workforce Development Center Fills Former Elmira School

The halls of the former Lagonegro School in Elmira once again echo with the sounds of opportunity. Funded via a grant from former New York State Senator George Winner and the Chemung County Industrial Development Agency in 2007, the Academic and Workforce Development Center provides centralized comprehensive workforce development services, as well as education and training programs that assist in the development and growth of a skilled regional workforce.

Corning Community College has forged partnerships with the tri-county Workforce Investment Board and the NYS Department of Labor to provide a one-stop career center for job seekers and employers, while providing education and training programs for regional jobs in demand. An example of the success of this partnership includes the staffing of Schlumberger, Chesapeake Energy and Falcon Industries and the development of

a natural gas training program in support of entry-level industry positions.

The AWDC's career center supported 18,567 job seeker visits over the past 18 months who competed for 1,192 jobs through the NYS DOL job bank. CCC student enrollment has more than doubled since the facility opened in 2007, with over 1,000 students enrolled in Elmira.

The Career Center has provided recruitment for 28 businesses including DeMet's Candy Company, Kennedy Valve, CVS, Schlumberger, Chesapeake, Synthes, American Customer Care, etc.

The Academic and Workforce Development Center is home to a licensed WorkKeys site providing industrial and employer access to WorkKeys job profiling, employee/recruitment assessments, and training. WorkKeys profiling offers employers a concrete way to analyze the skills

needed for specific jobs, and assesses applicant's skills (problem solving, team work, applied mathematics and technology, business writing, listening and reading) and matches job seekers to jobs more successfully than any other tool. WorkKeys' employee information sessions are held monthly. For more information call (800)-358-7171 ext. 9276 or email [ilearn@corning.cc.edu](mailto:ilearn@corning.cc.edu).



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## **Sikorsky Military Completions Center Development Underway**



*Artist's rendering of the new Sikorsky facility.*

In January 2011, Welliver McGuire, Inc. started demolition of the interior walls and structures at the former Warplane Museum at the Elmira-Corning Regional Airport, in order to make way for a new Sikorsky Military Completions Center and International Customer Delivery Center. The entire \$12 million project, funded by a mortgage issued to the Chemung County IDA through a local banking partnership consisting of Five Star Bank, Chemung Canal Trust Company and Elmira Savings Bank, was awarded to Welliver last month. Renovations will transform the former Warplane Museum into a state-of-the-art manufacturing and customer delivery center.

The new 120,000 sq. ft. facility on the north side of the Elmira-Corning Regional Airport complements the Sikorsky Hawk Works plant built by the Chemung County IDA and leased to Sikorsky in 2007. The new SMCC

contains two hangars (30,000 sq. ft. and 60,000 sq. ft.). The larger will be used for aircraft production, while the smaller hangar is being transformed into a customer delivery center. The balance of approximately 30,000 sq. ft. will contain administrative offices, engineering offices, international customer offices and training facilities.

“Keeping customers and their aircraft separate from those from another country is an issue. These aircraft are extremely sophisticated and expensive,” noted George Miner, CCIDA Director and STEG president. “Not every customer wants other customers to know what they’re buying. These aren’t luxury aircraft; they have a specific purpose.”

The CCIDA was awarded \$1.7 million in grants from the Empire State Development Corporation and a \$400,000 Economic Development

Infrastructure grant from NYSEG to help offset the cost of buying out the lease from the Wings of Eagles Museum, relocation of the museum outside of the airport, and the renovation of the facility. “The most costly aspect of the project is the installation of foam suppression systems in each hangar as they will now house fueled aircraft,” added Miner. The facility renovations are expected to be completed by the end of 2011.

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## STEG's New Look

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Welcome to our new logo and brand identity. The goal is to further strengthen our economic development position in the region and the state. We have been working for several months, together with Howell Liberatore and Associates, Inc., STEG's advertising agency, to reinvent the organization's brand and identify to set new standards for the next several years.

As a private, not-for-profit organization, STEG fosters prosperity and vitality in Chemung County through the planning, promotion and implementation of economic development programs. As a result, today many leading companies call Chemung County home. The new logo and forthcoming new website navigation and design will focus on the strength and stability of STEG programs and its business assistance.

"While we know that our competition is keen, what sets us apart from the pack, especially when we compete against other communities our size, is the fact that we're ready for business and can offer opportunities to attract new industry, encourage expansion and modernization, and create new job opportunities for new and existing businesses," said President George Miner.

The existing STEG logo has served us well since 1996, but it is time to write the next chapter of the organization's journey as the economic development entity for Chemung County. The green and auburn colors capture the substance of our ability to look forward while standing on our proud historic roots.

STEG received a grant from NYSEG's Economic Development Department Investment & Outreach Program to develop a new logo and website design. More information about STEG can be found at our existing website at [www.steg.com](http://www.steg.com). The new site is expected to launch this May.

## Cameron Manufacturing: From Process Design Through Field Installation

Cameron Manufacturing and Design Corporation, located at 727 Blostein Blvd. in Horseheads, NY, is dedicated to being a good neighbor and a positive influence on the community as well as a leading supplier of custom fabrications of typical or exotic metals, custom-built machinery, and engineering services.

large scale. In addition, Cameron's manufacturing facility can efficiently produce volumes ranging from sample quantities and prototypes to larger volume production runs.

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*The image above shows a Natural Gas Well and Portable Flash Stack that Cameron Manufacturing designed and built to the customer's specifications.*

Cameron provides a full range of Mechanical, Chemical and Electrical/ Controls Design and Engineering services, including Contract Engineering. Additions have been made to Cameron's engineering staff that gives them the capability to handle almost any automation project.

Projects range from Process Machinery or Equipment; "Design & Build," "Build-to-Print," or Upgrade / Refurbishment of existing equipment, to Field Installation or Modifications. Cameron can furnish components and assemblies to custom specifications, in sizes ranging from hand-held to

Northeast, holding "PP," "U," and "R" Stamps. Among the products provided are pressure vessels and pressure piping which may be designed, fabricated, or repaired including field installation.

Providing innovative solutions and quality products and services that always meet or exceed their customers' requirements are Cameron Manufacturing & Design's goals.

Visit Cameron's website: [www.camfab.com](http://www.camfab.com) or contact Bob Evans, Sales Manager, to learn more. Telephone: 607-739-3606 Fax: 607-739-8143



## Hardinge Hailed as Industry Leader

Hardinge Inc. was recently profiled as both a unique company and industry leader on “World’s Greatest!...,” a television series highlighting innovation and excellence from some of the world’s greatest companies, products, places, and people.

How 2 Media, the producers of the television show “World’s Greatest!...,” selected Hardinge Workholding and Rotary Products Group to be a part of the popular television series. “Hardinge is exactly the type of company that we like to feature on ‘World’s Greatest!...’. They’re an innovative and multiple award-winning company—a true leader in providing a wide range of highly reliable turning, milling, grinding, rotary and workholding solutions, supporting a variety of market applications including aerospace, automotive, medical, energy, construction, agriculture, mold, tool and die, and more. We believe that their more than 100 year-old history alone makes this a great story to tell,” said Gordon Freeman, Executive Producer of the show.



*Hardinge Workholding & Rotary Products Group.*

Hardinge Inc., founded in 1890 and headquartered in Horseheads, provides high-precision and super-precision solutions for turning, milling, grinding, workholding and rotary applications. “We are honored to be recognized as a leader in the machine tool industry,”

states Tom Mitchell, General Manager of Hardinge Workholding and Rotary Group. “Hardinge is a diversified company and the largest manufacturer of collets, feed fingers and pads in the world, providing gripping solutions, not just for our own machine brands, but all brands operating in machine shops. Hardinge has engineered direct-drive rotary technology to provide rotary tables and indexers with the highest precision and accuracy available on the market. We manufacture several brands of machine tools including Hardinge precision and Super-Precision CNC lathes, Bridgeport knee mills, CNC machining centers and creep feed grinding centers, Hauser jig grinding machines, Jones and Shipman grinding machines, Kellenberger CNC grinding machines and Tschudin OD grinding machines. From super-precision, high-performance, leading-edge technological solutions to our most budget-conscious offerings, our commitment to excellence has brought customers back to Hardinge again and again, for more than 100 years.”

## Fiber Optics to Improve Broadband Capability Across Southern Tier

The Southern Tier is getting a new highway. This time it’s an information highway. Corning, Inc. will fund a substantial part of a new \$12 million fiber optic cable network to improve high speed broadband capability across Steuben (Corning), Chemung (Elmira), and Schuyler (Watkins Glen) counties.

A new not-for-profit corporation, Southern Tier Network, will conduct and manage the new fiber optic backbone that will enable access to the highest broadband connectivity. “A not-for-profit approach will ensure that the ultimate, most economical benefits of the fiber core reach our small business and majority institutions in the region. The LDC will focus on partnering with our region’s current telecommunications service providers,” said Marcia Weber, Executive Director of the Southern Tier Central Regional Planning & Development Board that spearheaded the project.

“Over the years, Corning Incorporated has contributed to many projects that have created economic diversity in our community. This contribution to the region’s telecommunications infrastructure, along with the support of our local governments, represents the kind of public-private partnership that is

essential to expand regional economic development. The region’s telecommunication services must be competitive and robust for all segments of our economy to thrive,” said Kirk P. Gregg, Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative officer for Corning.

“What does all of this mean? It means not only are we connected to the world via I-86 and I-99, the Elmira-Corning Regional Airport and Norfolk Southern Railroad, now we are connected digitally,” said George Miner, president of STEG. “Fiber will become available to our far more rural areas, enabling development of wireless capabilities and widespread 4G service.”

Construction of the 235-mile optical fiber backbone will start in June 2011 and take approximately 3 years to finish. When the fiber ring is complete, telecommunication carriers will lease access to the network and compete to better serve customers in the region.

“Southern Tier Network and the fiber optic backbone will create a major economic development boost for the region that I believe will drive the future development of new and improved broadband capability such as ‘fiber-to-the-home,’ ‘fiber-to-the-premises’, and widespread availability of 4G service. This is just the beginning of exciting changes to come for our region,” added Weber.