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◆ JARI has an opening for a  
Government Procurement Specialist.  
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## LEADING OFF



◆ **Cambria Connected.** If you live or do business in Cambria County and anxiously await access to state-of-the-art, high-speed, high-frequency wireless telecommunications, that day is here. The System, dubbed [Cambria Connected](#), is a partnership for government, business, and the people. Developed initially to fulfill an FCC mandate that required the upgrade of the communications infrastructure for all emergency services and first responders in the county, the \$10 million high-speed wireless network was expanded to provide advanced commercial broadband service countywide.

Read the full article in JARI's [Summer 2008 Business Matters](#).

At left: Bill Harris, P.J. Stevens, Bob Dixon, Milan Gjurich, David Kartchner, and Brian Feist at the Pindleton Ridge tower.

## EVENT QUEUE

- ◆ **Government Procurement Expo.** Johnstown. November 6. Info [here](#).
- ◆ **Evermedia Biometrics Career Fair.** Comfort Inn, Johnstown. October 22. Info [here](#).
- ◆ **Somerset County Job Fair.** Quality Inn, Somerset. October 23. Info [here](#).
- ◆ **Ben Franklin Angel Investing Due Diligence workshop.** Penn State, Harrisburg. November 11. Info [here](#).
- ◆ **2008 Pennsylvania Wind Energy Symposium.** Penn Stater Conference Center. November 17 - 18. Info [here](#).
- ◆ **Ben Franklin \$100K Business Plan Competition.** Application deadline December 17, 2008. Info [here](#).
- ◆ **11th Annual Angel Venture Fair.** Philadelphia. Business summary submission deadline February 2, 2009.

## HEADLINES

- ◆ **JOHNSTOWN NOW** is now **JOHNSTOWN TODAY**: With apologies to the Johnstown Chapter of the [National Organization for Women](#). Thanks to all who participated in our focus group to determine the new name.
- ◆ The Johnstown metro area is the only one in Pennsylvania in which home values appreciated between the second quarter of last year and the same period of this year. Overall, **home values across the state were down by an average of almost 7 percent**, while **Johnstown homes increased in value by more than 4 percent**. Read the Johnstown Tribune-Democrat story [here](#).
- ◆ **Johnstown, PA Lifestyle** premieres on **YouTube**: Catch the ten-minute Cambria County video produced by the [Appalachian Regional Commission](#), [Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development](#), and [Southern Alleghenies Planning and Development Commission](#). Click [here](#) for the video.
- ◆ PA Department of Community and Economic Development **Secretary Dennis Yablonsky** will resign, effective October 23, to return to the private sector. Secretary Yablonsky worked with the Governor and the General Assembly to pass an economic stimulus package that **invested more than \$3 billion in support of more than 2,600 projects statewide**. The Secretary was involved in several Johnstown area projects during his tenure. Read the announcement [here](#).

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## PIPELINE

◆ **Ben Franklin Innovation Adoption Fund.** Existing businesses can team with a university / research partner to develop new products and processes. **Up to a \$25K grant** per company. Match required. Info [here](#).

◆ **Keystone Edge** tells the story of the **new economy in Pennsylvania**--a narrative of creative people and businesses, new development, cool places to live, and the best places to work and play. Published every Thursday. Info [here](#).

◆ **eBizITPA** has created an **ebusiness handbook** that's available online [here](#).

### ◆ **Johnstown Defense Cluster In the News:**

[Feds Approve DRS - Finmeccanica merger](#)

[JARI Hosting Procurement Expo](#)

[MTS Wins Air Combat Command Contract and Cogswell Award](#)

[DRS Wins \\$22.3M Navy Sea Systems Command Award](#)

[CTC Wins \\$10.4M Kandahar Airfield Contract](#)

◆ **Local Keystone Innovation Grant Awarded:** [Saint Francis University](#) was awarded a \$100,000 KIG to foster the creation of new technology and entrepreneurship. Read the Johnstown Tribune-Democrat article [here](#).



Secretary Dennis Yablonsky, Thomas Armstrong, and Sheri Collins of the Department of Community and Economic Development present the KIG award check. Accepting on behalf of Saint Francis University are Robert Young and Dr. Wayne Powel, and partners, Robert Breckenridge, MAC, and Amy Noon, GJKIZ Coordinator

◆ **Old King Coal:** Western Pennsylvania has the potential to be the premier energy hub of the world, with **250 years of coal reserves**. Read the Pittsburgh Technology Council's article about coal in the twenty first century [here](#).

◆ **Upstarts and Innovators Jump Starts School Year:** Tharisa Langerholc, owner of [LHR Advisors, LLC](#), presented the first installment of the 2008-2009 *Upstarts and Innovators* lecture series on September 15th at Mount Aloysius College. The series is a collaboration between the [Greater Johnstown Keystone Innovation Zone](#) and [The Johnstown Tribune-Democrat](#). Read the news article [here](#).



**Tharisa Langerholc**, owner of LHR Advisors, LLC, presents her experiences as an entrepreneur to Mount Aloysius College students during her **Upstarts and Innovators** lecture.

P.J. Stevens, President Commissioner of Cambria County and founder of

## SPOTLIGHT

[Stevens Carpet One](#), laid some good business advice on a crowded auditorium at UPJ's Blackington Hall on October 13th. Read the coverage [here](#).



**P.J. Stevens**, owner of Stevens Carpet One, shares a business anecdote during his **Upstarts and Innovators** presentation.

## PIXELS

♦ Pennsylvania is 4th leading state in the nation for industrial self-supplied water. In 2000, PA averaged 1.2 billion gallons per day.

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