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Marcellus-related investment, jobs coming to Williamsport

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WILLIAMSPORT - Universal Well Services Inc., a natural gas and oil well services firm based in Meadville, recently celebrated the grand opening of a new facility in Williamsport.

This facility will service Universal's customers operating in the Northern Tier and central and northeastern areas of Pennsylvania. With 70 employees already on the ground in Williamsport, Universal plans to hire an additional 70 local employees over the next 12 months to meet the needs of their rapidly expanding Marcellus Shale related business.

"Universal is committed to the communities in which we operate," said Roger Willis, president of Universal Well Services. "As a homegrown company, we understand Pennsylvania values, are committed to filling our workforce needs with locally-trained talent and recognize the need to be active partners in revitalizing rural Pennsylvania's economy through the responsible development of the Marcellus Shale."

The open house, attended by over 150 employees, customers, vendors, local community and business leaders, first responders and government officials, was held on Oct. 21 at the UWS facility on Arch Street in Williamsport. The recently-built facility was developed by Williamsport-based Lundy Construction and the open house was catered by Mel's Catering, also a local Williamsport business.

"Not only is Universal committed to hiring and training Pennsylvanians for these Marcellus-related jobs, we're also committed to sourcing our supply chain needs to Pennsylvania small and medium-sized businesses," said Willis. This year alone, Universal has already paid local suppliers \$40 million for goods and services - whether it's the catering at the well site, the purchasing of new trucks, or safety and cleaning supply - we're committed to developing a local Marcellus supply chain."

In addition to Willis, speakers at the event included Kathryn Klaber, president of the Marcellus Shale Coalition; Vincent Matteo, president and CEO of the Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce; Lou D'Amico, president of the Pennsylvania Independent Oil and Gas Association (PIOGA); Don Lundy from Lundy Construction; and Chuck Cole, who will head up Universal's operations at this new Williamsport Facility.

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