

Northeast Utilities Gives Grant for Economic Development in Northeastern Connecticut

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Windham, Conn., May 27, 2009—Northeast Utilities Transmission granted \$10,000 to the Northeast CT Economic Alliance, Inc., to fund regional economic development seminars and a redesign of the Northeast Alliance's web site.

NU Transmission has been providing community investment grants since 2007 to organizations located in their service area that are active in economic and community development; environmental leadership and stewardship; or education and workforce development.

The Northeast Alliance assists in job creation and retention in northeastern Connecticut by providing loans and ongoing business advice to existing and startup businesses that have been unable to secure credit through conventional sources. Since July 2008 the Northeast Alliance has been organizing regional educational seminars on best practices in economic development, for town planners, selectmen, legislators, bankers and town economic development commission members to learn about attracting and retaining businesses.

The Northeast Alliance is based in Willimantic, and has been providing business resources to 21 towns in Windham, Tolland, and New London counties since 1990. It is a regional nonprofit organization that partners with business, education and government interests dedicated to enriching the long-term economic vitality of northeastern Connecticut. For more information about the Northeast Alliance, contact Executive Director Roberta Dwyer at 860-465-5141 or visit www.nealliance.com.