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Pennsylvania's Coal Industry Generates \$7.5 billion in Statewide Economic Output Annually, New Report Finds

- *PA is fourth largest coal producer in US; export activity growing*
- *More than 41,500 full and part-time jobs related to industry*
- *PA has largest mining machinery and equipment manufacturing industry in nation*

(PITTSBURGH – May 14, 2010) – Generating approximately \$7.5 billion in economic output annually, Pennsylvania's coal industry is a vital contributor to the state's economy, directly and indirectly, according to *The Economic Impact of the Coal Industry in Pennsylvania*, a new report released today.

Prepared by the Pennsylvania Economy League of Southwestern Pennsylvania – an affiliate of the Allegheny Conference on Community Development – at the request of Families Organized to Represent the Coal Economy, Inc. (F.O.R.C.E), the report describes the impact of an industry with a long history in the Commonwealth.

The Economy League report contains several key conclusions. These include:

- **The coal industry produces \$7.5 billion in statewide economic output annually** resulting from the direct output of the coal industry and from the indirect and induced impacts of the supply chain. This total includes \$3.2 billion in direct economic impact linked to coal mining.
- **The coal industry results in direct, indirect and induced employment of 41,500 individuals in full and part-time jobs.** For every coal industry job, an additional 3.77 full and part-time jobs are generated in Pennsylvania.

- **Pennsylvania was the fourth largest producer of coal in the nation** in 2008. Pennsylvania coal was shipped to 30 states, and nearly \$1 billion worth of coal and mining products produced in the Commonwealth were exported abroad – representing a 700 percent increase since 2003.
- **More than half (54%) of Pennsylvania’s electricity is fueled by coal.** In 2007, Pennsylvania was the second largest producer of electricity in the United States, and the largest net exporter of electricity among the states.
- **Pennsylvania is a national leader in the manufacturing of machinery and equipment for the coal industry.** Pennsylvania has the largest mining machinery and equipment manufacturing industry in the country, accounting for 27 percent of the nation’s employment in this sector.

A downloadable copy of the report is available [here](#).

The Pennsylvania Economy League, Inc. (PEL), established in 1936, is an independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit, public policy research and development organization. Our mission is to provide critical information, perspective and support to the business, civic, and governmental leadership of our communities and our state in their efforts to make Pennsylvania a better place to live, work and do business.

The Allegheny Conference on Community Development and Affiliates – the Greater Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce, the Pennsylvania Economy League of Southwestern Pennsylvania and the Pittsburgh Regional Alliance – work in collaboration with public and private sector partners to stimulate economic growth and improve the quality of life in southwestern Pennsylvania. For more information, visit www.alleghenyconference.org.

Families Organized to Represent the Coal Economy (F.O.R.C.E.) is a nonpartisan organization which is dedicated to promoting the importance of Pennsylvania's coal industry and the value of a healthy coal economy. Our mission is to be a unified voice in support of Pennsylvania coal, the families and businesses whose livelihoods depend upon it, and the importance of a healthy industry to our regional, state, and national economies. To learn more about F.O.R.C.E. visit www.families4pacoal.org.