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MetroAction Issues Microloan to Area Business

SCRANTON, PA, March 28, 2007— The MetroAction, Inc. Microloan Program announced today that it has provided an \$8,000 Microloan to Lisa Gadbois, owner of Pocono Gift Baskets. The business is located in Mount Pocono, Pennsylvania. Ms. Gadbois will use the funds to purchase inventory and equipment for the newly established home based business.

MetroAction, Inc., the community development arm of The Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce, is a non-profit community development organization that provides financing and training to small businesses in northeastern Pennsylvania. MetroAction serves entrepreneurs in Carbon, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Monroe, Pike, Susquehanna, Wayne and Wyoming counties who may not be able to obtain financing at traditional lending institutions. Entrepreneurs can obtain up to \$50,000 for working capital, equipment and machinery purchases or leasehold improvements. To date, MetroAction has helped more than 150 small businesses obtain over \$2.4 million.

For more information on MetroAction or their financing or training programs, please visit www.MetroAction.org or contact Kristine Augustine at 570.342.7711 or at kaugustine@scrantonchamber.com.

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