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EDITORS: The following information is for immediate release. If you have any questions, please contact Michael Grigalonis, COO of the Chester County Economic Development Council, at 610 458-5700.

Laura Heikkila is project manager of Regional Career Education Partnership for Chester County Economic Development Council

EXTON _ Laura Heikkila is the new project manager of the Regional Career Education Partnership for the Chester County Economic Development Council.

She will work with the Chester County Workforce Investment Board to implement the Regional Career Education Partnership. Heikkila will also be a liaison with local schools and state government.

The Pennsylvania Workforce Investment Board and the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry are working to extend the Commonwealth's high school reform and career preparation strategies. The Regional Career Education Partnership is a program is to promote career preparation for students.

Heikkila has been the business administrator of Good Works, Inc. of Coatesville for the past year and is a former Executive Director of The Coad Group of Exton. Heikkila has also had professional experience working at Bryn Mawr Rehabilitation Hospital, Malvern, and Providence Mount St. Vincent in Seattle, Washington.

She is a graduate of Central Michigan University.

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