

Moriah Industrial Park lands grant

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MINEVILLE — The Moriah Industrial Park is open for business.

Operated by the Essex County Industrial Development Agency, the park now has four sites ready for immediate development.

"We have the infrastructure and permits in

place so that a prospective business can have a shovel in the ground within 30 days," said Jody Olcott, IDA co-executive director. "There aren't many places in the Adirondack Park that can say that."

Olcott and Carol Calabrese, also IDA co-executive director, were at the park March 24 to accept an \$80,000 grant from National Grid. The money, actually a reimbursement, paid for three-phase

electrical, fiber optic and high-speed internet service at the 32-acre industrial site.

The site also offers public water and sewer. Presenting the National Grid grant were John Murphy, account executive, Steve Arzberger, line supervisor, and Patrick Stella, media relations contractor.

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like this," Stella said. "We have an interest in seeing business grow in the Adirondacks."

After presenting the check, Stella announced an additional \$30,000 grant to be used for creation of a virtual tour of the Moriah Industrial Park on the IDA website — www.essexcountyida.com

"This gives us a wonderful opportunity to show what is available at the Moriah Industrial Park," Calabrese said. "We're very pleased National Grid has been able to assist us."

The Moriah Industrial Park is currently home to Pre-Tech Plastics and the soon-to-open Moriah Health Center. Pre-Tech started operations in Moriah in 1998 with 12 employees. It now has 35 workers. The industrial park still has four available sites waiting for businesses.

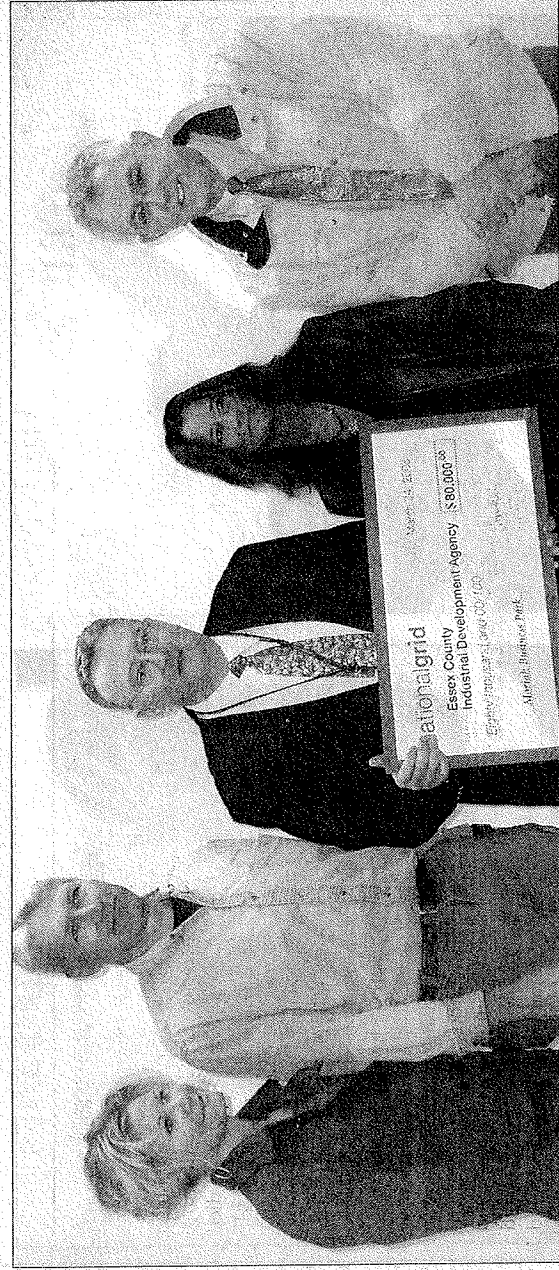
"We're still recruiting light manufacturing industry fit for our environment," Moriah Supervisor Tom Scozzafava said. "We've been successful in the past and we'll continue to be successful."

Scozzafava said the Moriah Industrial Park is a good example of government and private industry, like National Grid, working together to create a strong local economy.

"I'm very excited and enthused about this grant money," Scozzafava said.

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National Grid has presented an \$80,000 grant to the Essex County Industrial Development Agency for infrastructure work at the Moriah Industrial Park. From left are: Jody Olcott, IDA co-executive director; Steve Arzberger, National Grid line supervisor; John Murphy, National Grid account executive; Carol Calabrese, IDA co-executive director; and Moriah Supervisor Tom Scozzafava. National Grid also announced an additional \$30,000 grant to be used for creation of a virtual tour of the Moriah Industrial park on the IDA website.