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Shari Albrecht, Executive Director of MEDP, hands TDS Transport Owner Debra Schmidt a BMC Grant check for \$6,000. Back Row (L to R) Staunton Mayor John Willmon, TDS Transport Owner Lynn Schmidt and TDS Management Services Director Jeff Schmidt.

TDS Transport Named BMC Grant Recipient

Jeff Schmidt, Director of TDS Transport, Inc. in Staunton, was approved and awarded Build Macoupin County Energy Efficiency Grant funds. The grant, announced in January, is available to assist businesses and commercial building owners located in Macoupin County to make needed improvements to their structures. Macoupin Economic Development Partnership administers the grant; focusing on both reduction of energy consumption and job creation.

Funds are still available for approved projects. Grantees may receive up to 100% of the remaining project costs once all qualifications and guidelines have been met and approved.

“It was an easy process,” said Schmidt. “I saw it (BMC Grant) in the newspaper. It’s a great project. The County helps the business and the business helps the community.”

TDS Transport Owners, Lynn and Debra Schmidt, were able to use the \$6,000 they received to upgrade their existing Heating/AC in both their current building and recent expansion area. Other qualifying projects include lighting, refrigeration upgrades and replacement of building window and doors. Businesses must be located in MEDP member communities as of October 15, 2010. The City of Staunton is a MEDP member, making any business within their city limits eligible for reimbursement.

TDS Transport is a “Top Performance” transportation business. The company offers both logistics and management services. Their home office is centrally located at 1395 S. Hackman Rd., Staunton with additional terminals in Arkansas, Indiana, Kentucky and Louisiana.

To find out if your project qualifies for the program, please contact MEDP. MEDP will determine if projects meet the program requirements. Application and extended guidelines can be found at www.macoupinpartners.com/html/grant_funding.html.

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