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Robert C. Esch is Vice President of External Affairs at American Refining Group, Inc. (ARG). ARG's refinery in Bradford, PA, is the oldest continuously operating refinery in the world and the only refinery in the world processing 100 percent Pennsylvania Grade crude oil. ARG maintains relationships with local businesses and service providers, purchasing its crude feedstock from suppliers located within 125 miles of McKean County, in Pennsylvania, Ohio and New York. The refinery is committed to the community as demonstrated by corporate sponsorships and its employees' volunteerism and charitable giving.

Mr. Esch joined ARG in 1979 after serving in the U.S. Navy from 1970-74 and graduating from St. Bonaventure University in 1978. He has worked in all areas of the refinery, as project engineer, production supervisor, plant manager and currently as Vice President of External Affairs.

Active in workforce and economic development in Northwestern Pennsylvania, Mr. Esch is Chairman of the Board for Futures Rehabilitation Center and the ARG Federal Credit Union, vice-chair and past chair of the North Central Workforce Investment Board, Vice-Chair of the Bradford Landmark Society Board, past Chair of the Pennsylvania Workforce Investment Board Association and past president of the Bradford Area Chamber of Commerce. He is also a founding Steering Team member for Leadership McKean and is part of the Executive Board for the North Regional Planning and Development Commission. He also serves on the board for the Upper Allegheny Educational Consortia, the Bradford Economic Development Commission, the Dresser-Rand Challenger Learning Center and the Early Learning Investment Commission.