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Ohio Expansion Projects to Create and Retain More Than 1,103 Jobs*Projects Invigorate Regional Economies, Generate Jobs for Ohioans*

Columbus –The State Controlling Board today approved grants administered by the Ohio Department of Development that are expected to create 568 jobs and retain 535 positions. Five Ohio businesses will receive more than \$840,553 in economic development grants to aid economic growth, leveraging more than \$11.7 million in additional investment in the state.

“Keeping Ohioans working while attracting new talent to our state is a top priority for Ohio,” said Mark Kvamme, Director of the Ohio Department of Development. “The possibilities for Ohio’s business climate are very positive as we strive to make Ohio more attractive for business.”

Celartia, Ltd. will receive a \$75,000 Rapid Outreach Grant for the costs associated with the acquisition of new machinery and equipment in support of the company’s project in the City of Columbus (Franklin County). In addition, the company will develop an injection-molded, assembled, packaged, sterilized bioreactor. Celartia designs and manufactures laboratory equipment for cell culture, which is the science and art of growing human, animal, and plant cells in a laboratory environment. The \$360,000 project is expected to create 19 jobs.

The **City of Cincinnati** will receive a \$275,000 Roadwork Development Grant for the costs associated with the completion of public roadwork improvements in support of Links Unlimited, Inc. and Eurostampa North America’s expansion projects in the City of Cincinnati (Hamilton County). The project involves the construction of a new public road north of Steger Drive, which will allow access to Summit Behavioral Healthcare, the Ohio Department of Transportation’s Cincinnati regional garage, Links Unlimited, Inc., and Eurostampa North America. The \$619,000 project is expected to assist in creating 36 jobs and retaining 78 positions.

The **City of Greenville** will receive a \$150,553 Roadwork Development Grant for the costs associated with the completion of public roadwork improvements in support of Continental Carbonic Products, Inc.’s project in the City of Greenville (Darke County). The project involves the construction of approximately 650 feet of roadway and four curb inlets north of the intersection of Jaysville-St. Johns Road and Sebring-Warner Road, which will create additional development and expansion opportunities at Greenville Industrial Park. The \$278,000 project is expected to assist in creating 72 jobs.

The **City of Troy** will receive a \$250,000 Roadwork Development Grant for the costs associated with the completion of public roadwork improvements in support of ConAgra Foods Packaged Foods, LLC’s expansion projects in the City of Troy (Miami County). The project involves the repaving and widening of Dye Mill Road (County Road 227) and adding a 1,200-foot turning lane at ConAgra’s Property, which will promote safe semi-truck turning and soften the hazardous road curve for semi-truck traffic. The more than \$1 million project is expected to assist in creating 191 jobs and retaining 457 positions.

U.S. Cotton, LLC will receive a \$90,000 Rapid Outreach Grant for the costs associated with the acquisition of new machinery and equipment in support of the company’s expansion project in the

City of Cleveland (Cuyahoga County). U.S. Cotton manufactures private label and branded health, beauty aid, pharmaceutical, and industrial cotton fiber products. The more than \$9.5 million project is expected to create 250 jobs.

*The **Rapid Outreach Grant** is a grant program to assist companies and communities that are creating or retaining jobs in Ohio. The **Roadwork Development Account** provides grant assistance to communities for highway and road projects related to job creation and retention. The Roadwork Development Account is funded with gas tax dollars and is restricted to public road projects only.*

*Working with our partners across business, state and local governments, academia, and the nonprofit sector, the **Ohio Department of Development** works to attract, create, grow, and retain businesses through competitive incentives and targeted investments. Engaged every day in marketing, innovating, investing, and collaborating, the **Ohio Department of Development** works at the speed of business to accelerate and support the teamwork that is necessary for success by providing financial, informational, and technical assistance to those making an investment in Ohio's future.*

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