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**Tanner Appointed Assistant Director and Chief Operating Officer
of Ohio Department of Development**

Columbus, Ohio – The Ohio Department of Development recently saw the addition of a new “number two” who will help lead the Department through its transition to JobsOhio, fulfilling Governor John Kasich’s plan to privatize job creation efforts in the state.

Kristi Tanner, former Marketing Director for the Ohio Business Development Coalition, a public/private partnership, has been appointed Assistant Director and Chief Operating Officer of the Department.

“I am excited to have Kristi join our team,” said Mark Kvamme, Director of the Ohio Department of Development. “Her intricate knowledge of the Department and marketing background will be instrumental as we begin to create JobsOhio, a public/private partnership for economic development. I couldn’t think of a more well-qualified individual to help Ohio succeed.”



Tanner is an experienced marketing and economic development professional who worked closely with the Department in her role at the Ohio Business Development Coalition, where she marketed state initiatives such as Ohio’s HiVelocity electronic magazine and Ohio Third Frontier, both of which work to support and grow Ohio’s technology industry.

Tanner has led economic development efforts at the local, regional, and state levels, playing a vital role in Ohio’s economic prosperity.

Raised in Portsmouth, she established the first Governor’s Regional Economic Development Office in Southern Ohio in 1992. She oversaw many of the Ohio Department of Development’s business incentive programs as Manager of the Business Development Office, then later, as Assistant Deputy Director of the Economic Development Division (now Strategic

Business Investment Division). She also helped facilitate the completion and publication of the Ohio Department of Development’s 2008 strategic plan.

A graduate of Morehead State University in Kentucky, Tanner earned a degree in Communications and Marketing. She is certified as an Economic Development Finance Professional through the National Development Council and serves as a member of Ohio’s Development Finance Advisory Council.

Tanner and her husband, Tony, live in Columbus with their two daughters.

*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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