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Ohio Third Frontier Supports Research and Internship Efforts

COLUMBUS – Today, the Ohio Third Frontier Commission recommended \$8,494,892 million in funding through the Ohio Third Frontier Internship Program and the Ohio Third Frontier Industrial Research and Development Center Program.

“The investments will allow hundreds of Ohio students the opportunity to kick start their careers with valuable internships while providing Ohio businesses with the fresh talent they need to fill high skill-level jobs,” said Christiane Schmenk, Director of the Ohio Department of Development and Chair of the Ohio Third Frontier Commission. “Along with the support of research and development activities, the Ohio Third Frontier is moving into high-gear implementing the programs and strategy that will greatly benefit Ohio’s economy and create jobs.”

Fiscal Year 2012 Ohio Third Frontier Internship Program Awardees

The **Ohio Third Frontier Internship Program** is working with various partners to develop a pool of talented workers for Ohio companies and exposing students to the strategies and processes of business environments. The goal of the program is to help Ohio expand its technologically proficient workforce and retain knowledgeable and talented students in the state by creating potential employment opportunities following graduation. Grants were awarded to the following entities to implement internship programs in their regions:

Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber, located in the City of Cincinnati (Hamilton County), was awarded \$428,571.

Community Action Organization of Scioto County, Inc., located in the City of Portsmouth (Scioto County), was awarded \$189,000.

Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce, located in the City of Dayton (Montgomery County), was awarded \$428,571.

Southeastern Ohio Port Authority, located in the City of Marietta (Washington County), was awarded \$239,574.

TechColumbus, located in the City of Columbus (Franklin County), was awarded \$428,571.

Toledo Chamber of Commerce, located in the City of Toledo (Lucas County), was awarded \$428,571.

Workforce Initiative Association, located in the City of Canton (Stark County), was awarded \$428,571.

Workforce Institute of Lorain County, located in the City of Elyria (Lorain County), was awarded \$428,571.

**Fiscal Year 2012 Ohio Third Frontier
Industrial Research and Development Center Program Awardees:**

The **Ohio Third Frontier Industrial Research and Development Center Program (IRDCP)** is designed to attract and build-out high-quality, large, nationally designated and highly visible corporate, nonprofit, or federal research and development centers or laboratory facilities to Ohio. A center or laboratory facility must involve one or more of the following criteria: (1) conducts value-added applied research at the direction of or in collaboration with Ohio industry; (2) performs industry-directed and industry-oriented problem solving; and (3) develops technologies that can be commercialized by or in partnership with an Ohio for-profit company. The IRDCP enhances and supplements Ohio organizations' proposals for such centers by providing funding that serves as cost share or matching dollars, thereby improving the competitiveness of the proposal and enhancing the potential for a center being located in Ohio.

- A funding commitment of \$2,494,892 was approved for **Michelman**, located in the City of Cincinnati (Hamilton County), for the *Michelman Advanced Materials Collaboration Center*. This center is for the development and commercialization of novel, sustainable technologies through applied research on advanced materials including waterborne coatings for paper and flexible packaging, fiberglass and composite materials, polymers and industrial chemicals, and other specialty products. Collaborators include the National Composite Center, TechSolve, and the University of Cincinnati. Michelman has committed to create 45 new jobs in Ohio as a result of the award.
- A funding commitment of \$3 million was approved for **Owens-Brockway Glass Container**, located in the City of Perrysburg (Wood County), for the *O-I Global Research Center*. Owens will create a globally recognized center to expedite the development of novel concepts for melting and forming glass and accelerate the time to market of new product innovations, and will collaborate with the University of Toledo. This center will be used to develop innovative manufacturing processes with much higher efficiencies, advanced materials suitable for these processes, and advanced sensor technology for accurate process control and optimization. The company is expecting to develop stronger, lighter glass and more sustainable packaging systems. Owens has committed to create 45 new jobs in Ohio as a result of this award.

Ohio Third Frontier, an unprecedented and bipartisan commitment to create new technology-based products, companies, industries, and jobs, has attracted more than \$7.3 billion in other investments to Ohio, and has a nearly 9:1 return on investment since its inception. The Ohio Third Frontier has also assisted in the creation and retention of more than 88,000 direct and indirect jobs for Ohioans. For more information, visit ohiothirdfrontier.com. For more information on Ohio's entrepreneurship activities, visit www.hivelocitymedia.com.

Working with our partners across business, state and local governments, academia, and the nonprofit sector, the **Ohio Department of Development** works to support business attraction and retention efforts by providing targeted investments that assist in job creation, as well as provides assistance and services to Ohio's communities and individuals. Engaged every day in marketing, innovating, investing, and collaborating, the **Ohio Department of Development** works 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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