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Ohio Coal Development Office Issues Request for Proposal *Projects to study environmentally friendly use of Ohio coal*

COLUMBUS – The Ohio Development Services Agency’s Coal Development Office has issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) for project proposals for the 2013 Ohio Coal Research Consortium (OCRC). Qualified projects will focus on the development and implementation of technologies in the demonstration phase or early-stage of deployment that can use Ohio’s vast reserves of coal in an economical, environmentally sound manner. The Ohio Coal Development Office supports university research to improve the science and technology involved in coal use.

Proposals are due by December 17, 2012. Funds awarded through the RFP will be for projects located and/or work conducted in Ohio that improves the efficiency of the coal-to-electricity conversion process, benefits Ohio coal before combustion, finds new and more economical ways to convert Ohio coal, reduces or controls coal emissions, or lowers the cost of controls, and/or increases the effectiveness of controls installed on new or existing plants. Qualified projects also will generate new ideas and processes for improvement and cost reductions of coal technologies and processes that directly benefit and have applicability to Ohio coal.

Projects are identified through public solicitations and may include mine productivity, coal end uses, improving power plant efficiency, greenhouse gas control, and environmental issues.

For more information about the Request for Proposal call (614) 466-6797 or visit http://development.ohio.gov/bs/bs_ohiocoaldev.htm.

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