

**For Immediate Release**  
December 16, 2015**Contact:** Morgan Bleich-Lee at (614) 728-0989  
Morgan.Bleich-Lee@development.ohio.gov**State of Ohio Looking For Companies Interested in Exporting***Note to Editor: This is an opportunity for Ohio small businesses*

The State of Ohio is looking for companies that are interested in exporting their goods or services into international markets. The Ohio Development Services Agency offers a unique opportunity to match businesses committed to exporting with college students, called the Ohio Export Internship Program.

Highly-motivated students from 12 different Ohio universities have been selected to participate in this year's program. The goal of the internship is to help Ohio companies focus on increasing their global exports and train students in international business. Companies are provided a 50 percent reimbursement to offset the costs of intern wages.

"You don't have to learn on your own," said David Goodman, director of the Ohio Development Services Agency. "70 percent of the world's purchasing power is outside the U.S. and we can help you go after that to grow your business."

The deadline for companies to apply is March 15, 2016. The 2016 internship program runs from May 16 through August 12, 2016. Ohio companies can apply at [eip.development.ohio.gov](http://eip.development.ohio.gov).

To learn more about the Ohio Export Internship Program, click the video link:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lqMSCEtu3lw>

In four years, 102 student-company matches have been created, resulting in more than \$19 million in expected global sales and 17 full-time job offers. This program is a partnership between the Ohio Development Services Agency, Fisher College of Business at The Ohio State University and the Williams College of Business Administration at Youngstown State University.

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