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## Ohio Development Services Agency Leadership Team

**COLUMBUS** – The Ohio Development Services Agency Director announced today the completion of the Agency's leadership team. The Agency is focused on exceptional customer service, transparency and accountability for taxpayer money.

**Ryan Burgess**, Assistant Director, comes to Development from Fifth Third Bank where he has worked for the last 20 years, most recently as Senior Vice President. His banking expertise will prove valuable in providing accountability for taxpayer dollars which support business, community and individual development. As Assistant Director, Ryan oversees Legal, Budget, Administrative and JobsOhio liaison sections of Development, as well as supports the staff in improving customer service, cutting government bureaucracy and growing jobs for Ohio.



**Jacqueline Williams**, Chief of the Minority Business Division, comes to Development with a host of private and public sector experience. She is currently the executive director of the Liquor Control Commission of Ohio and was instrumental in streamlining the appeals process, making the commission more accessible to local governments and businesses. She previously worked to make college education more accessible and affordable for all Ohio families in her role as executive director for the Ohio Tuition Trust Authority.

**Ezra Escudero**, Deputy Chief of the Office of Business Assistance and Director of the State Small Business Development Centers, comes from a banking background at JP Morgan Chase and was a financial planner for Skylight Financial Group. He is the former executive director for the Ohio Commission on Hispanic and Latino Affairs and was founder, editor and publisher for the Nuestro Ohio Bilingual Newspaper.



**Joy Padgett**, Deputy Director of the Governor's Office of Appalachia, was a school teacher for 20 years before running for office. She was elected and served in the House of Representatives until 1999. She served as the Director of the Governor's Office of Appalachia and later went on to become an Ohio Senator, leading the Appalachian Delegation. Padgett is also the former director of Government Relations for the Central Ohio Technical College.

**Kenyatta Chandler**, Revenue and Loan Officer, is a former business manager from the Office of Budget and Management. He has extensive experience in financial services and spent several years working in the State Treasurer's Office and is a national expert on electronic payments, developing and implementing a comprehensive analytical and reporting system for state depository banks.

**Rebecca Ruan-O-Shaughnessy**, Deputy Chief of the Office of Strategic Business Investments, is promoted from Assistant Deputy Chief. She oversees customer service, grants, loans, reporting, quality

assurance and tax incentive sections for the Office. She is an attorney with a law degree from the University of Minnesota and holds a Bachelor's degree in Economics and Japanese Studies.

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