

**OHIO TAX CREDIT AUTHORITY MEETING
MEETING MINUTES
MEETING DATE: MAY 23, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Ohio Job Creation Tax Credit Authority was called to order at 10:01 a.m. on May 23, 2016 in Columbus, Ohio by Daryl Hennessy.

Roll Call:	Daryl Hennessy, Acting Chair	Present
	David Smith	Present
	Emmett Kelly	Present
	Rod Crider	Absent
	Brian Cooper	Present

Staff Members Present: John Werkman, Daniel Strasser, Eric Lindner, and Stephanie Gostomski

Others present: Matt Deptola, Ryan Wilson, Justin Bickle, Matt McQuade, Lucious Ian Smith, John Sadosky, & Stephanie Mercado

Minutes Approval: Smith made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2016 meeting. Cooper seconded. The vote was 3-0 yes. Voting Hennessy, Smith, and Cooper.

PROJECTS

Amazon.com.dedc, LLC appeared before the Tax Credit Authority requesting a tax credit for a project in the City of Twinsburg, Summit County. Hennessy made a motion to approve a tax credit of 1.113% for 6 years for Amazon.com.dedc, LLC in exchange for a commitment to create 150 new full-time equivalent employees generating \$4,056,000 in new annual payroll at the project location in the City of Twinsburg, Summit County. In addition, the company will claim the tax credit on Ohio employee payroll generated at the project location in excess of the company's baseline payroll at the project location. The tax credit would begin on 1/1/2017 and end on 12/31/2022. Cooper seconded; Kelly abstained. The vote was 3-0. All present voted yes.

Bleckmann USA LLC appeared before the Tax Credit Authority requesting a tax credit for a project in the Village of Johnstown, Licking County. Hennessy made a motion to approve a tax credit of 1.178% for 7 years for Bleckmann USA LLC in exchange for a commitment to create 200 new full-time equivalent employees generating \$5,824,000 in new annual payroll at the project location in the Village of Johnstown, Licking County. In addition, the company will claim the tax credit on Ohio employee payroll generated at the project location in excess of the company's baseline payroll at the project location. The tax credit would begin on 1/1/2017 and end on 12/31/2023. Kelly seconded. The vote was 4-0. All present voted yes.

United Parcel Service, Inc. appeared before the Tax Credit Authority requesting a tax credit for a project in the City of Columbus, Franklin County. Hennessy made a motion to approve a tax credit of 1.232% for 6 years for United Parcel Service, Inc. in exchange for a commitment to create 75 new full-time equivalent employees generating \$3,185,000 in new annual payroll and retaining \$81,569,288 in existing payroll at the project location in the City of Columbus, Franklin County. In addition, the company will claim the tax credit on Ohio employee payroll generated at the project location in excess of the company's baseline payroll at the project location. The tax credit would begin on 1/1/2017 and end on 12/31/2022. Smith seconded; Kelly abstained. The vote was 3-0. All present voted yes.

Dollar Shave Club, Inc. appeared before the Tax Credit Authority requesting a tax credit for a project in the City of Grove City, Franklin County. Hennessy made a motion to approve a tax credit of 1.222% for 7 years for Dollar Shave Club, Inc. in exchange for a commitment to create 185 new full-time equivalent employees generating \$5,825,872 in new annual payroll at the project location in the City of Grove City, Franklin County. In addition, the company will claim the tax credit on Ohio employee payroll generated at the project location in excess of the company's baseline payroll at the project location. The tax credit would begin on 1/1/2016 and end on 12/31/2022. Cooper seconded. The vote was 4-0. All present voted yes.

Advanced Testing Laboratory, Inc. appeared before the Tax Credit Authority requesting a tax credit for a project in the City of Blue Ash, Hamilton County. Hennessy made a motion to approve a tax credit of 1.156% for 5 years for Advanced Testing Laboratory, Inc. in exchange for a commitment to create 54 new full-time equivalent employees generating \$2,200,000 in new annual payroll and retaining \$4,604,722 in existing payroll at the project location in the City of Blue Ash, Hamilton County. In addition, the company will claim the tax credit on Ohio employee payroll generated at the project location in excess of the company's baseline payroll at the project location. The tax credit would begin on 1/1/2017 and end on 12/31/2021. Smith seconded; Kelly abstained. The vote was 3-0. All present voted yes.

Ultimus Fund Solutions, LLC appeared before the Tax Credit Authority requesting a tax credit for a project in the City of Springdale, Hamilton County. Hennessy made a motion to approve a tax credit of 1.547% for 7 years for Ultimus Fund Solutions, LLC in exchange for a commitment to create 100 new full-time equivalent employees generating \$6,000,000 in new annual payroll and retaining \$7,091,418 in existing payroll at the project location in the City of Springdale, Hamilton County. In addition, the company will claim the tax credit on Ohio employee payroll generated at the project location in excess of the company's baseline payroll at the project location. The tax credit would begin on 1/1/2017 and end on 12/31/2023. Cooper seconded; Kelly abstained. The vote was 3-0. All present voted yes.

Pulse Flow Technologies Inc. appeared before the Tax Credit Authority requesting a tax credit for a project in the City of Willoughby, Lake County. Hennessy made a motion to approve a tax credit of 1.539% for 5 years for Pulse Flow Technologies Inc. in exchange for a commitment to create 75 new full-time equivalent employees generating \$4,368,000 in new annual payroll and retaining \$15,000 in existing payroll at the project location in the City of Willoughby, Lake County. In addition, the company will claim the tax credit on Ohio employee payroll generated at the project location in excess of the company's baseline payroll at the project location. The tax credit would begin on 1/1/2017 and end on 12/31/2021. Kelly seconded. The vote was 4-0. All present voted yes.

OTHER BUSINESS

H & H Screening and Graphics East, Inc. (City of Steubenville/Jefferson County)

On May 23, 2016, the Authority reduced the term of the tax credit for failure to create the minimum amount of new payroll as required by the program. Due to this failure, the Authority has statutory authorization to reduce the term of the tax credit agreement. On 9/24/2012, the grantee was approved for a 45%/6 year tax credit in exchange for a commitment to create 125 FTEs with \$3,500,000 in new payroll at the project location. The grantee's 2015 annual report showed \$574,513 in new payroll, thereby making the grantee non-compliant with the tax credit agreement. Additionally, the grantee is below the minimum payroll creation threshold required to remain eligible for the JCTC program. Based on this information, the Authority reduced the term of the tax credit agreement to 3 years, ending 1/1/2016. Post-term reporting requirements may be fulfilled by filing annual progress reports with DSA for years 2016 – 2019.

Kelly made a motion to accept staff recommendation and Smith seconded. The vote was 4-0. All present voted yes.

Food Safety Net Services-Ohio, LLC (City of Columbus/Franklin County)

On May 23, 2016, the Authority reduced the term of the tax credit for failure to create the minimum amount of new payroll as required by the program. Due to this failure, the Authority has statutory authorization to reduce the term of the tax credit agreement. On 5/21/2012, the grantee was approved for a 45%/5 year tax credit in exchange for a commitment to create 40 FTEs with \$670,000 in new payroll at the project location. The grantee's 2015 annual report showed \$573,118 in new payroll, thereby making the grantee non-compliant with the tax credit agreement. Additionally, the grantee is below the minimum payroll creation threshold required to remain eligible for the JCTC program. Based on this information, the Authority reduced the term of the tax credit agreement to 3 years, ending 1/1/2016. Post-term reporting requirements may be fulfilled by filing annual progress reports with DSA for years 2016 – 2019.

Hennessy made a motion to accept staff recommendation and Cooper seconded. The vote was 4-0. All present voted yes.

LEM Products Holding, LLC (West Chester Township/Butler County)

On May 23, 2016, the Authority reduced the term of the tax credit for failure to create the minimum amount of new payroll as required by the program. Due to this failure, the Authority has statutory authorization to reduce the term of the tax credit agreement. On 2/27/2012, the grantee was approved for a 40%/6 year tax credit in exchange for a commitment to create 14 FTEs with \$670,000 in new payroll and to retain 21 FTEs with \$1,200,000 in retained payroll at the project location. The grantee's 2015 annual report showed \$317,489 in new payroll, thereby making the grantee non-compliant with the tax credit agreement. Additionally, the grantee is below the minimum payroll creation threshold required to remain eligible for the JCTC program. Based on this information, the Authority reduced the term of the tax credit agreement to 3 years, ending 1/1/2016. Post-term reporting requirements may be fulfilled by filing annual progress reports with DSA for years 2016 – 2019.

Hennessy made a motion to accept staff recommendation and Smith seconded. The vote was 4-0. All present voted yes.

Mike Albert Leasing, Inc. (Village of Evendale/Hamilton County)

On May 23, 2016, the Authority reduced the term of the tax credit for failure to create the minimum amount of new payroll as required by the program. Due to this failure, the Authority has statutory authorization to reduce the term of the tax credit agreement. On 5/23/2011, the grantee was approved for a 50%/5 year tax credit. On 12/15/2015, the tax credit was reduced to 50%/3 years and 35%/2 years in exchange for a commitment to create 34 new FTEs with \$900,000 in new payroll and to retain 154 FTEs with \$11,700,000 in retained payroll at the project location. The grantee's 2015 annual report showed \$205,161 in new payroll, thereby making the grantee non-compliant with the tax credit agreement. Additionally, the grantee is below the minimum payroll creation threshold required to remain eligible for the JCTC program. Based on this information, the Authority reduced the term of the tax credit agreement to 3 years, ending 1/1/2016. Post-term reporting requirements may be fulfilled by filing annual progress reports with DSA for years 2016 – 2019.

Hennessy made a motion to accept staff recommendation and Kelly seconded. The vote was 4-0. All present voted yes.

Norlake Manufacturing Company (City of North Ridgeville/Lorain County)

On May 23, 2016, the Authority approved that the Authority reduce the term of the tax credit for failure to create the minimum number of new jobs and new payroll as required by the program. Due to this failure, the Authority has statutory authorization to reduce the term of the tax credit agreement. On 9/24/2012, the grantee was approved for a 40%/6 year tax credit in exchange for a commitment to create 30 new FTEs with \$1,800,000 in new payroll and to retain 85 FTEs with \$3,800,000 in retained payroll at the project location. The grantee's 2015 annual report showed 5 new FTEs with \$477,458 in new payroll, thereby making the grantee non-compliant with the tax credit agreement. Additionally, the grantee is below the minimum job and payroll creation thresholds required to remain eligible for the JCTC program. Based on this information, the Authority approved that the Authority reduce the term of the tax credit agreement to 3 years, ending 1/1/2016. Post-term reporting requirements may be fulfilled by filing annual progress reports with DSA for years 2016 – 2019.

Hennessy made a motion to accept staff recommendation and Smith seconded. The vote was 4-0. All present voted yes.

Technical Rubber Company, Inc. (Village of Johnstown/Licking County)

On May 23, 2016, the Authority reduced the term of the tax credit for failure to create the minimum number of new jobs as required by the program. Due to this failure, the Authority has statutory authorization to reduce the term of the tax credit agreement. On 3/26/2012, the grantee was approved for a 35%/6 year tax credit in exchange for a commitment to create 29 new FTEs with \$900,000 in new payroll and to retain 223 FTEs with \$8,200,000 in retained payroll at the project location. The grantee's 2015 annual report showed 9 new FTEs, which is below the minimum job creation threshold required to remain eligible for the JCTC program. Based on this information, the Authority reduced the term of the tax credit agreement to 3 years, ending 1/1/2016. Post-term reporting requirements may be fulfilled by filing annual progress reports with DSA for years 2016 – 2019.

Hennessy made a motion to accept staff recommendation and Cooper seconded. The vote was 4-0. All present voted yes.

NextGen Federal Systems, LLC (City of Beavercreek/Greene County)

On May 23, 2016, the Authority changed the project location from 2661 Commons Blvd., Ste. 123, Beavercreek, OH 45431 to 4031 Colonel Glenn Highway, Beavercreek, OH 45431.

Hennessy made a motion to accept staff recommendation and Cooper seconded; Kelly abstained. The vote was 3-0. All present voted yes.

Computer Sciences Corporation (City of Beavercreek/Greene County)

On May 23, 2016, the Authority reassigned the tax credit from Computer Sciences Corporation (and associated FEIN) to CSRA, Inc. (and associated FEIN).

Hennessy made a motion to accept staff recommendation and Smith seconded. The vote was 4-0. All present voted yes.

Festo Americas LLC (City of Mason/Warren County)

On May 23, 2016, the Authority reassigned the tax credit from Festo Americas LLC (and associated FEIN) to Festo Corporation (and associated FEIN) due to a corporate restructuring.

Hennessy made a motion to accept staff recommendation and Cooper seconded; Kelly abstained. The vote was 3-0. All present voted yes.

Exact Holding North America, Inc. (City of Dublin/Franklin County)

On May 23, 2016, the Authority changed the tax credit effective date from 1/1/2015 to 1/1/2016. The metric evaluation date will remain 12/31/2017.

Hennessy made a motion to accept staff recommendation and Kelly seconded. The vote was 4-0. All present voted yes.

Cristal USA Inc. (Ashtabula Township/Ashtabula County)

With the company's consent, on May 23, 2016, the Authority reduced the term of the tax credit to three years ending 12/31/2015. Post-term reporting requirements may be fulfilled by filing annual progress reports with ODSA for years 2016 – 2019.

Hennessy made a motion to accept staff recommendation and Smith seconded. The vote was 4-0. All present voted yes.

Menlo Logistics, Inc. (Bath Township/Allen County)

Per the company's request, on May 23, 2016, the Authority terminated the tax credit agreement. The company was issued 2008 and 2009 tax credit certificates in the amount of \$7,929. In exchange for this request, the grantee has paid back the certificates claimed.

Hennessy made a motion to accept staff recommendation and Kelly seconded. The vote was 4-0. All present voted yes.

GT Technologies, Inc. (City of Defiance/Defiance County)

On May 23, 2016, the Authority cancelled the tax credit. The company never executed the tax credit agreement and has not received any tax credit certificates.

Hennessy made a motion to accept staff recommendation and Kelly seconded. The vote was 4-0. All present voted yes.

GT Technologies, Inc. (City of Toledo/Lucas County)

On May 23, 2016, the Authority cancelled the tax credit. The company never executed the tax credit agreement and has not received any tax credit certificates.

Hennessy made a motion to accept staff recommendation and Kelly seconded. The vote was 4-0. All present voted yes.

Organized Lightning, LLC (City of Cincinnati/Hamilton County)

On May 23, 2016, the Authority cancelled the tax credit. The company never executed the tax credit agreement and has not received any tax credit certificates.

Hennessy made a motion to accept staff recommendation and Smith seconded. The vote was 4-0. All present voted yes.

Republic Steel (City of Lorain/Lorain County)

On May 23, 2016, the Authority cancelled the tax credit. The company never executed the tax credit agreement and has not received any tax credit certificates.

Hennessy made a motion to accept staff recommendation and Cooper seconded; Kelly abstained. The vote was 3-0. All present voted yes.

Lighthouse Insurance Group LLC (City of Independence/ Cuyahoga County)

On May 23, 2016, the Authority approved the following changes:

- (1) Increase the retained employee commitment from 28 to 45 FTEs;
- (2) Decrease the amount of total and Ohio employee retained payroll from \$1,861,201 to \$1,099,498;
- (3) Update the project location to 6150 Oaktree Blvd. Suite 210, Independence, OH 44131.

Additionally, with the company's written consent, on May 23, 2016, the Authority approved the conversion of the grantee's Ohio Job Creation Tax Credit program from a withholdings-based incentive to a payroll-based incentive. The Authority approved the following changes to the tax credit agreement:

- 1) Change the tax credit rate from 40% to 1.119%;
- 2) Update the baseline payroll to \$1,123,686.96 for year 1 and \$1,148,408.07 for year 2.

These changes are authorized by ORC 122.17(R), effective 9/29/2015.

Hennessy made a motion to accept staff recommendation and Cooper seconded. The vote was 4-0. All present voted yes.

Mindset Digital, LLC (City of Columbus/Franklin County)

On May 23, 2016, the Authority added the project location at 150 E. Campus View Blvd., #250, Columbus, OH 43235 to the tax credit agreement. The project had previously been approved with a TBD project location.

Additionally, with the company's written consent, on May 23, 2016, the Authority approved the conversion of the grantee's Ohio Job Creation Tax Credit program from a withholdings-based incentive to a payroll-based incentive. The Authority approved the following changes to the tax credit agreement:

- 1) Change the tax credit rate from 45% to 1.500%;
- 2) Update the baseline payroll to \$675,544.50 for year 1 and \$686,353.21 for year 2.

These changes are authorized by ORC 122.17(R), effective 9/29/2015.

Hennessy made a motion to accept staff recommendation and Cooper seconded. The vote was 4-0. All present voted yes.

Messer Construction Co. (City of Cincinnati/Hamilton County)

On May 23, 2016, the Authority added the project location at 1201 Glendale Milford Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45215 to the tax credit agreement.

Additionally, with the company's written consent, on May 23, 2016, the Authority approved the conversion of the grantee's Ohio Job Creation Tax Credit program from a withholdings-based incentive to a payroll-based incentive. The Authority approved the following changes to the tax credit agreement:

- 1) Change the tax credit rate from 45% to 1.352%;
- 2) Update the baseline payroll to \$6,856,598.00 for year 1 and \$7,007,443.16 for year 2.

These changes are authorized by ORC 122.17(R), effective 9/29/2015.

Hennessy made a motion to accept staff recommendation and Smith seconded; Kelly abstained. The vote was 3-0. All present voted yes.

Pier 1 Imports (U.S.), Inc. (City of Grove City/Franklin County)

On May 23, 2016, the Authority added the project location at 5235 Westpoint Dr., Obetz, OH 43125 to the tax credit agreement.

Additionally, with the company's written consent, on May 23, 2016, the Authority approved the conversion of the grantee's Ohio Job Creation Tax Credit program from a withholdings-based incentive to a payroll-based incentive. The Authority approved the following changes to the tax credit agreement:

- 1) Change the tax credit rate from 55% to 1.299%;
- 2) Update the baseline payroll to \$4,394,600.00 for year 1 and \$4,491,281.20 for year 2.

These changes are authorized by ORC 122.17(R), effective 9/29/2015.

Hennessy made a motion to accept staff recommendation and Cooper seconded. The vote was 4-0. All present voted yes.

Consolidated Metco, Inc. (City of Chillicothe/Ross County)

With the company's written consent, the Authority approved that the Authority approve the conversion of the grantee's Ohio Job Creation Tax Credit program from a withholdings-based incentive to a payroll-based incentive. The Authority approved the following change to the tax credit agreement:

- 1) Change the tax credit rate from 45% to 1.238%;

These changes are authorized by ORC 122.17(R), effective 9/29/2015.

Hennessy made a motion to accept staff recommendation and Cooper seconded. The vote was 4-0. All present voted yes.

PCCW Teleservices (US), Inc. (City of Dublin /Franklin County)

With the company's written consent, on May 23, 2016, the Authority approved the conversion of the grantee's Ohio Job Creation Tax Credit program from a withholdings-based incentive to a payroll-based incentive. The Authority approved the following changes to the tax credit agreement:

- 1) Change the tax credit rate from 50% to 1.029%;
- 2) Update the baseline payroll to \$8,331,200.00 for year 1 and \$8,464,499.20 for year 2.

These changes are authorized by ORC 122.17(R), effective 9/29/2015.

Hennessy made a motion to accept staff recommendation and Cooper seconded. The vote was 4-0. All present voted yes.

Sunland Logistics Solutions, Inc. (City of Toledo/Lucas County)

With the company's written consent, on May 23, 2016, the Authority approved the conversion of the grantee's Ohio Job Creation Tax Credit program from a withholdings-based incentive to a payroll-based incentive. The Authority approved the following change to the tax credit agreement:

- 1) Change the tax credit rate from 40% to 0.934%;

These changes are authorized by ORC 122.17(R), effective 9/29/2015.

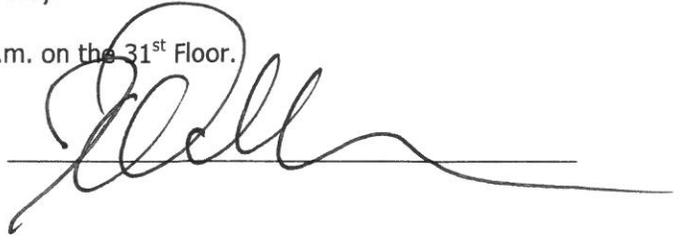
Hennessy made a motion to accept staff recommendation and Cooper seconded. The vote was 4-0. All present voted yes.

MOTION TO AJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 11:12 a.m. by Daryl Hennessy.

The next meeting is scheduled June 27, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. on the 31st Floor.

Chair of Ohio Tax Credit Authority's Signature

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Hennessy", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.