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## **Research and Development Properties in Columbus Certified as Job Ready Site**

**Columbus** – A research and development campus in the City of Columbus is now certified through the Ohio Department of Development’s Ohio Job Ready Sites Program. The project will assist in business attraction and expansion efforts by focusing on investments and job creation in Ohio. Certification in the Ohio Job Ready Sites Program ensures future investors that the property exceeds site selection standards and includes the necessary attributes demanded by today’s leading corporations.

The Ohio Job Ready Sites Program bolsters Ohio’s portfolio of commercial and industrial developable sites. Properties in this program are strategically chosen for their ability to provide optimal infrastructure capabilities and attract economic-shifting investment. By accelerating investment decisions and maximizing the development potential of each property, funds from the Ohio Job Ready Sites Program offset costs traditionally incurred in speculative commercial and industrial development.

“Certified Ohio Job Ready Sites enhance our ability to attract new businesses to our communities,” said Nate Green, Director of the Strategic Business Investment Division at the Ohio Department of Development. “Every time businesses invest in Ohio, they create job opportunities and add to our state’s long-term plan for economic growth.”

The SciTech Campus is located on the West Campus of The Ohio State University at 1245 - 1305 Kinnear Road in the City of Columbus (Franklin County). The project has allowed for the development of more than 230,000 square feet of flexible office, laboratory, and test manufacturing space available for companies interested in leveraging their research and development activities with the amenities offered by the Science and Technology Campus Corporation, The Ohio State University, and other companies located in the 315 Technology and Research Corridor. The SciTech Campus currently has 37 companies located on site, employing approximately 209 people.

This is the seventh Ohio Job Ready Sites Certification, following the Smart Offices at East Pointe Centre in the City of Middletown, the Nextedge Applied Research and Technology Park in the City of Springfield, the West Central Ohio Industrial Center in the City of Wapakoneta, the Bluestone Business Park in the City of Euclid, the EastPointe Business Park in the City of Zanesville, and the BioHio Research Park in the City of Wooster.

*The **Ohio Job Ready Sites Program**, authorized by Ohio’s voters under Issue 1 in 2005, was created to bolster the state’s inventory of available facility locations served by utility and transportation infrastructure. Sites improved under the program are kept ready for future business prospects seeking locations for new or expanded operations.*

*Working with our partners across business, state and local governments, academia, and the nonprofit sections, the **Ohio Department of Development** works to attract, create, grow, and retain businesses through competitive incentives and targeted investments. Engaged every day in marketing, deal-making, innovating, investing, and collaborating, the **Ohio Department of Development** works at the speed of business 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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