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Recovery Act Funds Awarded for Advancing Biofuels Beyond the Basics

Columbus – An Ohio projects will receive \$1 million in grant awards funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act's State Energy Program, which is administered by the Ohio Department of Development's Ohio Energy Resources Division. The funds will be used to increase the production and delivery of alternative fuels.

"This grant allows Ohio to reuse materials that generates an alternative gasoline supply, which can help stabilize energy prices for consumers while creating local jobs," said Chad Smith, Director of the Department's Ohio Energy Resources Division.

The awarded project exemplifies the goals of the Recovery Act's State Energy Program to accelerate renewable energy development in Ohio by creating or preserving jobs and reducing energy usage and greenhouse gas emissions.

Central Ohio BioEnergy, LLC has been awarded \$1 million to install a publicly available compressed natural gas (CNG) fueling station in Columbus at the anaerobic digestion system located at 2500 Jackson Pike. The existing digester operating at the site processes regional municipal wastewater, FOG, (fats, oil, and grease) and food waste generating 1 Megawatt-hour (MWh) of electricity. Excess biogas will be captured and transformed into compressed natural gas, which is a viable alternative motor vehicle fuel. It is estimated that this site will produce the equivalent of 285,188 gallons of gasoline per year. This award will create 12 jobs and retain three positions.

The grant program is part of \$96 million allocated to Ohio through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act's State Energy Program. The goal is to accelerate Ohio's strategic investment in the advanced energy industries through greater deployment of renewable energy and energy efficient technologies in Ohio, increase job preservation and creation, and enhance energy efficiency for Ohioans impacted by current economic conditions.

Proposals for the *Advancing Biofuels Beyond the Basics* program were due in Fall 2010. Projects submitted were selected through a competitive review process based on several criteria including: a match investment of a minimum of 25 percent of the total costs, project completion within 12 months, and a direct economic impact to Ohio by creating and retaining jobs.

For more information about the State Energy Program and project details, please visit:

<http://www.development.ohio.gov/recovery/StateEnergyProgram/Awards.htm> .

The Ohio Energy Resources Division works to grow the economy of the state by connecting companies and communities to financial and technical resources in order to deploy renewable energy technologies and energy efficiency.

Working with our partners across business, state and local governments, academia, and the nonprofit sector, 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 absolutely necessary for success by providing financial, informational, and technical assistance to those making an investment in Ohio's future.

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