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## **Tax Credits Approved: Expected to Create and Retain 3,354 Jobs**

*Projects Will Generate Investments in Ohio's Economy*

**Columbus** – The Ohio Tax Credit Authority has approved Job Creation and Retention Tax Credits for 15 projects that, if expanded or located in Ohio, are expected to create 856 jobs and retain 2,498 positions.

“By leveraging Ohio’s resources, we can customize incentives that make sense for both companies and Ohioans,” said Kristi Tanner, Assistant Director of the Ohio Department of Development. “These companies are investing in Ohio, building upon our existing workforce, and fostering business expansion and job creation.”

**Alene Candles, LLC** has been awarded a 45 percent Job Creation Tax Credit for a seven-year term as a result of the company’s new location in the Village of New Albany (Licking County). The value of the tax credit is estimated at \$214,000 over the term, and the company would be required to maintain operations at the project site for 10 years. Alene Candles is a full-service contract and private-label manufacturer of custom-designed filled candles for the gift, cosmetic, and retail markets. The \$8.2 million project is expected to create 135 jobs.

**American Greetings Corporation** has been awarded a 75 percent Job Retention Tax Credit for a 15-year term as a result of the company’s investment to build a new corporate headquarters at a site to be determined in Ohio. The value of the tax credit is \$75 million over the term, and the company would be required to maintain operations at the project site for at least 18 years. American Greetings is a leading manufacturer of innovative social expression products, providing the largest collection of electronic online greetings, as well as offering digital photo sharing and personal publishing products that assist consumers in enhancing relationships. The \$50 million project is expected to retain 1,750 positions.

**Automation and Control Technologies, Inc.** has been awarded a 45 percent Job Creation Tax Credit for a six-year term as a result of the company’s expansion project in Perrysburg Township (Wood County). The value of the tax credit is estimated at \$34,000 over the term, and the company would be required to maintain operations at the project site for nine years. Automation & Control Technologies is a privately owned company focusing on industrial electronics and robotics systems repair for the automotive, glass, solar, and wind industries. This project includes land and building acquisitions as well as renovations to the existing 37,000-square-foot building. The \$2.5 million project is expected to create 17 jobs and retain 40 positions.

**Axiom Plastics LLC** has been awarded a 55 percent Job Creation Tax Credit for a seven-year term as a result of the company’s new location in the Village of New Albany (Licking County). The value of the tax credit is estimated at \$449,000 over the term, and the company would be required to maintain operations at the project site for 10 years. Axiom Plastics is a specialized extrusion blow molding manufacturer of rigid plastic containers, serving the personal care and beauty, food and dietary supplements, and automotive and general goods markets. This project includes the construction of a 110,000-square-foot facility to house manufacturing and research and development functions. The \$16.2 million project is expected to create 165 jobs.

**Hamlet Protein Inc.** has been awarded a 50 percent Job Creation Tax Credit for a six-year term as a result of the company's new location in the City of Findlay (Hancock County). The value of the tax credit is estimated at \$96,000 over the term, and the company would be required to maintain operations at the project site for nine years. Hamlet Protein produces and sells soy-based protein feeds for young livestock. This project includes the acquisition of a building and land for the purpose of supplying protein feeds to the U.S. market. The \$23 million project is expected to create 25 jobs.

**Information Control Corporation** has been awarded a 50 percent Job Creation Tax Credit for a seven-year term as a result of the company's new location in the City of Cincinnati (Hamilton County). The value of the tax credit is estimated at \$185,000 over the term, and the company would be required to maintain operations at the project site for 10 years. Information Control Corporation is the largest privately held full-service IT service provider in Ohio. It provides application development, business intelligence, creative services, Microsoft services, and project management services to a range of government agencies and national companies. This project includes moving to a new location which would enable the company to grow its client base and expand into additional markets. The \$250,000 project is expected to create 50 jobs.

**Information Control Corporation** has been awarded a 50 percent Job Creation Tax Credit for a seven-year term as a result of the company's expansion in the City of Columbus and the City of Dublin (Franklin County). The value of the tax credit is estimated at \$443,000 over the term, and the company would be required to maintain operations at the project site for 10 years. Information Control Corporation is the largest privately held full-service IT service provider in Ohio. It provides application development, business intelligence, creative services, Microsoft services, and project management services to a range of government agencies and national companies. This project includes the expansion of its current facility to accommodate the operations management team and potential new clients. The \$600,000 project is expected to create 75 jobs and retain 380 positions.

**JM Consolidated Industries LLC** has been awarded a 45 percent Job Creation Tax Credit for a six-year term as a result of the company's relocation and consolidation in the City of Springfield (Clark County). The value of the tax credit is estimated at \$64,000 over the term, and the company would be required to maintain operations at the project site for nine years. JM Consolidated Industries focuses on window regulators for the heavy truck and specialty vehicle industries, manufacturing a variety of parts for large truck cabs. The more than \$1.5 million project is expected to create 50 jobs and retain 46 positions.

**Mediu, LLC** has been awarded a 40 percent Job Creation Tax Credit for a five-year term as a result of the company's expansion in the City of Worthington (Franklin County). The value of the tax credit is estimated at \$90,000 over the term, and the company would be required to maintain operations at the project site for eight years. Mediu is a professional service provider, consulting direct-to-consumer retail businesses, specializing in call center information solutions for Fortune 1000 companies and helping to improve customer service experience. The \$500,000 project is expected to create 18 jobs and retain seven positions.

**Pactiv Corporation** has been awarded a 40 percent Job Creation Tax Credit for a seven-year term as a result of the company's expansion in the City of Columbus (Franklin County). The value of the tax credit is estimated at \$109,000 over the term, and the company would be required to maintain operations at the project site for 10 years. Pactiv manufactures and distributes food packaging products in the consumer and food service/packaging market, operating 43 manufacturing and nine distribution facilities in North America. The \$1.4 million project is expected to create 43 jobs and retain 133 positions.

**Plantic Technologies Limited** has been awarded a 50 percent Job Creation Tax Credit for a seven-year term as a result of the company's new location in the City of Akron (Summit County). The value of the tax credit is estimated at \$89,000 over the term, and the company would be required to maintain operations at the project site for 10 years. Plantic Technologies is a world

leader in developing renewable sourced and biodegradable polymers for sheet, film, injection molding, and blow molding, which provide an excellent gas and odor barrier. This project includes the leasing of a 6,000-square-foot building from A. Schulman Inc. The more than \$4.6 million project is expected to create 15 jobs.

**SCR-Tech LLC** has been awarded a 55 percent Job Creation Tax Credit for a seven-year term as a result of the company's new project at a site to be determined in Ohio. The value of the tax credit is estimated at \$185,000 over the term, and the company would be required to maintain operations at the project site for 10 years. SCR-Tech provides innovative solutions for clean energy production, with a focus specifically on cost-effective emission-control solutions for the coal-fired power generation industry. This project includes leasing a facility that's at least 50,000 square feet. The \$7.9 million project is expected to create 50 jobs.

**Seepex, Inc.** has been awarded a 40 percent Job Creation Tax Credit for a five-year term as a result of the company's expansion in Mad River Township (Clark County). The value of the tax credit is estimated at \$112,000 over the term, and the company would be required to maintain operations at the project site for 11 years. Seepex is part of a global organization that develops, manufactures, and globally markets progressive cavity pumps for delivering low- to highly-viscous, aggressive, and abrasive media, providing optimum economical problem solutions based on low life-cycle costs. The more than \$7 million project is expected to create 38 jobs and retain 69 positions.

**Updax, LLC** has been awarded a 45 percent Job Creation Tax Credit for a six-year term as a result of the company's expansion in the City of Dublin (Franklin County). The value of the tax credit is estimated at \$258,000 over the term, and the company would be required to maintain operations at the project site for nine years. Updax is a software service business which provides a secure messaging, faxing, and document management system to physician offices, allowing documents to be safely transferred electronically. This project includes the completion of a secure multi-party exchange and integration system. The \$675,000 project is expected to create 45 jobs and retain two positions.

**USUI International Corporation** has been awarded a 50 percent Job Creation Tax Credit for a six-year term as a result of the company's relocation and expansion in the City of Sharonville (Hamilton County). The value of the tax credit is estimated at \$213,000 over the term, and the company would be required to maintain operations at the project site for nine years. USUI International Corporation is a privately held company, specializing in injection molding processes for manufacturing plastic cooling fans. This project includes the construction of a 125,000-square-foot facility to allow further expansion into the market for gasoline direct-injection tubing and fuel rail components. The \$15.9 million project is expected to create 130 jobs and retain 71 positions.

*The **Ohio Tax Credit Authority** is a five-member independent board consisting of taxation and economic development professionals from throughout the state that is responsible for reviewing and approving applications for state tax credit assistance. The Authority also has oversight responsibilities that include monitoring and reporting the progress of approved tax credit projects. The **Ohio Tax Credit Authority's** approval of incentives indicates the state's commitment to the company, and precedes a final decision of the company to accept or decline the tax incentives approved.*

*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, 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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