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Ohio Third Frontier Internship Program Provides Nearly \$2 Million to Retain Top Talent

Columbus – The Ohio Third Frontier Commission today recommended nearly \$2 million in funding for the Ohio Third Frontier Internship Program. The Ohio Third Frontier Internship Program links college students with Ohio for-profit companies that are commercializing new products, technologies, and processes. The awards are contingent upon State Controlling Board approval.

“This internship program is extremely valuable for the companies and young professionals involved. It’s a chance for the interns to grow in their chosen professions and see the employment opportunities that are available to them in Ohio,” said James A. Leftwich, Director of the Ohio Department of Development and Chairman of the Ohio Third Frontier Commission.

The goals of the Ohio Third Frontier Internship Program are to contribute to the expansion of a technologically proficient workforce and to retain highly knowledgeable and talented students in Ohio through employment at Ohio for-profit companies. Students in the program gain insightful, hands-on experiences related to their field of study, while companies supporting these internships are in turn partially compensated for wages paid during an internship.

The Ohio Third Frontier Internship Program targets key areas of science and technology, engineering and math relating to the Ohio Third Frontier’s focus areas of Advanced Materials; Advanced Energy; Biomedical; Instruments, Controls, and Electronics; Advanced Propulsion; and, Information Technology. The awarded organizations will administer the program for their respective region.

Fiscal Year 2012 Ohio Third Frontier Internship Program Awards

Community Action Organization of Scioto County, Inc., located in the City of Portsmouth (Scioto County), in collaboration with Shawnee State University, Southern State Community College, Yost Engineering, SunCoke Energy, and DPL, was awarded \$321,000.

Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce, located in the City of Dayton (Montgomery County), in collaboration with Sinclair Community College, University of Dayton, Wilberforce University, Wright State University, Barco, Cornerstone Research Group, Curtiss Wright Controls Electronic Systems, DPL, Innovative Scientific Solutions, Mound Laser and Photonics Center, Silfex, Standard Register, Defense Research Associates, and the Montgomery County Department of Job and Family Services, was awarded \$321,000.

TechColumbus, located in the City of Columbus (Franklin County), in collaboration with Columbus State Community College, The Ohio State University, TDCI, Neoprobe Corporation, and Boehringer Ingelheim Roxane, Inc., was awarded \$321,000.

Toledo Regional Chamber of Commerce, located in the City of Toledo (Lucas County), in collaboration with the Lima/Allen County Chamber of Commerce, University of Toledo, Bowling Green State University, Rhodes State College, SSOE Group, Minster Machine Company, GEM, Dmytryka Jacobs Engineering, and Rudolph Libbe, was awarded \$320,000.

Workforce Initiative Association, located in the City of Canton (Stark County), in collaboration with Kent State University – Tuscarawas, University of Akron, Rolls-Royce Fuel Cell Systems, The Timken Company, EchoGen Power Systems, Diebold Inc., and OEConnection, was awarded \$321,000.

Workforce Institute of Lorain County, located in the City of Elyria (Lorain County), in collaboration with Lorain County Community College, Baldwin Wallace College, Stark State College of Technology, University of Akron, Northeast Ohio Council on Higher Education, Grip IT Solutions, T&M Technology Solutions, 7 Yaks Design, The Sherwin-Williams Company, Cleveland Whiskey, MedCity Media, Netsoft Technologies, CitizenGroove, LifeMedix, Segmint, and NebuSil, was awarded \$321,000.

To view information about Ohio Third Frontier and the Internship Program, please visit www.OhioThirdFrontier.com or www.thirdfrontierintern.ohio.gov.

***Ohio Third Frontier**, an unprecedented and bipartisan commitment to create new technology-based products, companies, industries, and jobs, has attracted more than \$5.9 billion in other investments to Ohio, and has a nearly 9:1 return on investment since its inception. The Ohio Third Frontier has also assisted in the creation and retention of more than 68,000 direct and indirect jobs for Ohioans.*

*Working with 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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