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State Approves Ohio Motion Picture Tax Credit for Lorain County Film

COLUMBUS – The Ohio Department of Development has approved a \$461,771 Ohio Motion Picture Tax Credit for the film “Toy’s House”. The Ohio Motion Picture Tax Credit is administered by the Department’s Office of Strategic Business Investments and provides tax credits up to 35 percent to support Ohio’s growing film industry.

The 26-day shoot is set to begin in late June in Grafton (Lorain County). While on location in Ohio, more than \$1.6 million dollars is expected to be spent for the various costs involved in production. When a feature film goes on location requiring overnight stays, the costs associated with cast and crew pumps thousands of dollars into communities.

“I am extremely pleased that Ohio has once again been chosen as the production destination for a motion picture,” said Christiane Schmenk, Director of the Ohio Department of Development. “Ohio continues to stand out to the film industry thanks to our numerous shooting locations and talented workforce.”

Ohio native Tyler Davidson is the producer of “Toy’s House”, which is about three unhappy teenagers who flee to the wilderness where they build a makeshift house and live off the land as masters of their own destiny. Davidson also produced, “Take Shelter”, a critically acclaimed film also shot in Lorain County.

31 projects have been awarded Ohio Motion Picture Tax Credits since the program began in 2010. Ohio has a strong history in film with such projects as “The Avengers”, “The Soloist”, “Major League”, “Air Force One”, and “Shawshank Redemption”.

Cast and crew calls will be posted on our website at www.ohiofilloffice.com.

The **Ohio Film Office** administers the Ohio Motion Picture Tax Credit, which helps advance the motion picture industry in the State of Ohio, creating job opportunities and revenue. The Ohio Film Office aggressively recruits outside production activity to Ohio and helps retain and grow existing Ohio production companies and related businesses with the assistance and collaboration of industry partners. The **Ohio Motion Picture Tax Credit**, totaling \$20 million for Fiscal Years 2011 and 2012, is calculated in two components: Ohio resident cast and crew wages will be credited at 35 percent. All other eligible production expenditures will be credited at 25 percent.

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 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. For more information visit www.development.ohio.gov.

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