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Jeffrey Johnson Named Minority Business Development Chief

The Ohio Development Services Agency (ODSA) Minority Business Development Division supports the growth and sustainability of Ohio minority businesses by providing technical assistance, access to capital and bonding, and connection to business opportunities through the Minority Business Assistance Centers.

Jeffrey Johnson of New Albany, Ohio will serve as Chief of the Minority Business Development Division at DSA. He will lead the state's effort to grow and develop minority-owned businesses so they can create jobs and strengthen Ohio's economy. He begins his new role next Tuesday.

"Jeffrey comes to Development with more than 20 years' experience in business banking and 15 years' experience working with government municipalities and community organizations," said Director David Goodman, Development Services Agency. "He has experience with loans, bonds and tax credits and will be a great asset to the Development team."

Johnson is currently the Vice President of Government & Non Profit Lending at JP Morgan Chase and was instrumental in the approval of the largest municipal bond transaction in history at the company.

"I look forward to working with minority-owned companies to identify business needs to participate in Ohio's growing economy," said Johnson. "Building relationships and providing solutions to customers is how minority businesses will continue to grow in Ohio."

Johnson has served as board member to the New Albany Joint Park District Board and Columbus Urban League providing financial and business expertise. Johnson will work closely with the Minority Business Advisory Council and seven Minority Business Assistance Centers located around the state.

He holds a bachelor's degree in Accountancy from the University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana and a master's of business administration from DePaul University's Kellstadt Graduate School of Business.

