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**COMMITMENTS OF \$120 MILLION IN NEW PAYROLL EXPECTED TO SPUR
LOCAL ECONOMIES**

COLUMBUS – Today Governor John R. Kasich announced the approval of assistance for fifteen projects set to create 831 jobs and retain 1,903 jobs statewide. Together the projects are expected to result in more than \$120 million in new payroll, and spur \$379 million in investment across Ohio. During its monthly meeting, the Ohio Tax Credit Authority (TCA) reviewed economic development proposals brought to the board by JobsOhio and its regional partners.

Projects approved by the TCA include:

Home Depot U.S.A., Inc. (Location TBD) expects to create 125 full-time positions, generating \$3.9 million in additional annual payroll as a result of the company's new location project at a to-be-determined project location. Home Depot is a home improvement specialty retailer. The TCA approved a 55 percent, nine-year Job Creation Tax Credit for this project.

SparkPeople, Inc. (Location TBD) expects to create 10 full-time positions, generating \$750,000 in additional annual payroll and retaining \$1.8 million in existing payroll as a result of the company's expansion project at a to-be-determined project location. SparkPeople offers free nutrition, health, fitness tools, support and resources. The TCA approved a 35 percent, five-year Job Creation Tax Credit for this project.

West Chester Holdings, Inc. (Location TBD) expects to create 30 full-time positions, generating \$1 million in additional annual payroll and retaining \$8.7 in existing payroll as a result of the company's expansion project at a to-be-determined project location. West Chester Holdings supplies hand protection, rainwear and protective clothing. The TCA approved a 40 percent, seven-year Job Creation Tax Credit for this project.

Zipline Logistics LLC (Location TBD) expects to create 40 full-time positions, generating \$1.6 million in additional annual payroll and retaining \$705,000 in existing payroll as result of the company's expansion project at a to-be-determined project location. Zipline Logistics is a transportation firm. The TCA approved a 40 percent, six-year Job Creation Tax Credit for this project.

CENTRAL OHIO

ISS America Inc., City of Bellefontaine (Logan Co.) expects to create 20 full-time positions, generating \$670,000 in additional annual payroll and retaining \$183,720 in existing payroll as the result of the company's expansion project in the City of Bellefontaine (Logan Co.). ISS is a tier one supplier to Honda for various engine components. The TCA approved a 35 percent, six-year Job Creation Tax Credit for this project.

NEX Transport, Inc., Zane Twp. (Logan Co.) expects to create 45 full-time positions, generating \$1 million in additional annual payroll and retaining \$10.5 million in existing payroll as a result of the company's expansion project in Zane Twp. (Logan Co.). NEX serves as a logistics consultant providing business solutions for export and overseas packaging and distribution. The TCA approved a 40 percent, six-year Job Creation Tax Credit for this project.

Persistent Systems Inc., City of Dublin (Franklin Co.) expects to create 30 full-time positions, generating \$1.9 million in additional annual payroll as a result of the company's new location project in the City of Dublin (Franklin Co.). Persistent Systems specializes in software production and technology innovation. The TCA approved a 45 percent, seven-year Job Creation Tax Credit for this project.

NORTHEAST OHIO

Coltene/Whaledent, Inc., City of Akron (Summit Co.) expects to create 50 full-time positions, generating \$1.6 million in additional annual payroll and retaining \$16 million in existing payroll as a result of the company's expansion project in the City of Akron (Summit Co.). Coltene develops and manufactures dental products and small equipment covering the whole dental treatment process. The TCA approved a 35 percent, six-year Job Creation Tax Credit for this project.

Cristal USA Inc., Ashtabula Twp. (Ashtabula Co.) expects to create 25 full-time positions, generating \$1.8 million in additional annual payroll and retaining \$45 million in existing payroll as a result of the company's expansion project in Ashtabula Twp. (Ashtabula Co.). Cristal USA produces and distributes titanium dioxide and titanium chemicals. The TCA approved a 50 percent, six-year Job Creation Tax Credit for this project.

Daisy Brand, LLC, City of Wooster (Wayne Co.) expects to create 89 full-time positions, generating \$4.5 million in additional annual payroll as a result of the company's new location project in the City of Wooster (Wayne Co.). Daisy produces dairy products. The TCA approved a 55 percent, 10-year Job Creation Tax Credit for this project.

ECS Tuning, Inc., City of Wadsworth (Medina Co.) expects to create 105 full-time positions, generating \$3.4 million in additional annual payroll and retaining \$3.6 million in existing payroll as a result of the company's expansion project in the City of Wadsworth (Medina Co.). ECS Tuning supplies original equipment manufacturer parts, after-market replacement parts and performance parts for European cars. The TCA approved a 50 percent, seven-year Job Creation Tax Credit for this project.

Pepperidge Farm, Inc., City of Willard (Huron Co.) expects to create 50 full-time positions, generating \$3 million in addition annual payroll and retaining \$30.1 million in existing payroll as a result of the company's expansion project in the City of Willard (Huron Co.). Pepperidge Farm is a commercial bakery that produces cookies, crackers and breads. The TCA approved a 45 percent, six-year Job Creation Tax Credit for this project.

SOUTHWEST OHIO

Element Materials Technology Cincinnati Inc. dba Element Cincinnati, Village of Evendale (Hamilton Co.) expects to create 42 full-time positions, generating \$1.9 million in additional annual payroll and retaining \$810,950 in existing payroll as a result of the company's expansion project in the Village of Evendale (Hamilton Co.). Element Cincinnati is an independent mechanical testing laboratory. The TCA approved a 40 percent, six-year Job Creation Tax Credit for this project.

INX International Ink Co., City of Lebanon (Warren Co.) expects to create 30 full-time positions, generating \$2 million in additional annual payroll and retaining \$645,000 in existing payroll as a result of the company expansion project in the City of Lebanon (Warren Co.). INX International Ink has been producing ink since 1896. The TCA approved a 40 percent, six-year Job Creation Tax Credit for this project.

WESTERN OHIO

Cole Taylor Bank dba Cole Taylor Mortgage, City of Wilmington (Clinton Co.) expects to create 140 full-time positions, generating \$5.6 million in new annual payroll and retaining \$1.8 million in existing payroll as a result of the company's new location project in the City of Wilmington (Clinton

Co.). Cole Taylor Bank is a mortgage lender to the housing market. The TCA approved a 60 percent, eight-year Job Creation Tax Credit for this project.

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