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Ohio Governor Doing Business North Of The Border

By Lissa Guyton

Governor Kasich has been spending time North of the border, Wednesday and Thursday he met with Executives from the Big Three automakers in Detroit. The Governor says its all about building long term relationships with the automakers who do business in Ohio. He says the recent enormous investments in Ohio are a great starting point but he wants to shift into overdrive and let the companies know Ohio is willing to go the extra mile to keep the business.

Chrysler, GM, Honda and Ford are all making huge investments in Ohio and Governor Kasich says it's just a starting point, "With a lot of governments they get the deal, and get the jobs and then ignore it. Our approach is different. We say how can we develop a deeper partnership so at the end of the day when they look around he say, hey Ohio can get it done.'

The Governor and the Chief Investment Officer of jobs Ohio met with Executives from the Big Three. The Governor believes the state is well positioned to do even more business with the automakers, "We're going to be getting information from all the companies about what they specifically need and how we can help them. That's real progress and that's how we build significant relationships."

Mark Kvamme is the President and Chief Investment Officer for JobsOhio. He says during their visit to the auto show last year there was a lot of finger pointing from the car executives , this year it's a much different story, "We're sitting down with them saying how can we help you be more efficient and make the state of Ohio work better for you so you can hire more people and invest in more infrastructure?"

For the rest of the story visit: <http://www.13abc.com/story/16509733/2012/01/12/ohio-governor-doing-business-north-of-the-border>

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Gov. Kasich Visits Auto Show

By Rob Wiercinski

DETROIT, MI (WTOL) - Ohio Governor John Kasich paid a visit on Thursday to the 2012 North American International Auto Show, being held at Cobo Hall in Detroit.

The governor says his visit is serious work, as he tries to build strong relationships with auto executives, to boost auto-related business in Ohio:

"Ford with a \$6 billion investment, we're the number two state in terms of where they're going to put their money, that's really unbelievable. GM is thrilled with what's happening in Lordstown and Toledo. Chrysler's investing a half a billion dollars in Toledo and other places around the state. Honda just announced a super car. So when you look at manufacturing we're seeing the sun coming up in Ohio again."

Kasich says his goal is to win the confidence of auto companies by addressing their on-going needs:

"We're trying to drive deeper relationships based on workforce training. This is the biggest issue in the country. How do you get people trained to be able to fill the slots. What can we do to actually add value and I think they're happy about it and frankly I think they're surprised."

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Ohio Governor Visits Detroit Auto Show; Holds Meetings With Big Three Automakers

by Kevin Milliken

DETROIT, Ohio (WUPW) - Ohio's governor hit the 2012 North American International Auto Show Thursday for his second tour in as many years and talks with executives at the Big Three automakers. This time, the governor is gearing up to help Chrysler and General Motors, along with Toledo assembly lines.

But Gov. John Kasich (R-Ohio) was like a kid in a candy store on the auto show floor, marveling at the gee-whiz factor at all of the "toys for big boys" on display.

"Think about what it takes to put one of these together and if you're a kid who was born to make things, how great it is to make them better and better and better," the governor told reporters as he looked at a next-generation engine on display.

The governor's mood is a lot better than what he described as a "frosty" reception he got last year from auto industry execs - now calling them "friends" on his second trip for meetings with Chrysler, GM, and Ford.

"We're trying to drive deeper relationships based on workforce training. This is the biggest issue in the country," Kasich explained at a press conference.

Gov. Kasich stated now that deals are done to increase investment at many of Ohio's auto plants, it's time to take the next step and develop the workforce - train them to build complicated engines and other auto components.

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