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## **Companies seek tax credits to create 3,500 jobs, retain 10,500 others**

By Joe Vardon

Thirty companies are seeking approvals for tax credits from the Ohio Tax Credit Authority today in return for the promise to create a combined 3,501 jobs and keep an additional 10,539 jobs in the state.

Among the projects of interest in central Ohio involves Zulily, a Seattle-based online retailer which offers daily deals on items for women, infants and children. Several hundred jobs are expected to be created locally in connection with that project, which involves creation of a fulfillment center.

The 30 tax credit cases in one day are a record, according to Gov. John Kasich, who sat in for several minutes of the five-member board's meeting, where members pour over the company's project proposal, ask questions of company officials, and ultimately decide whether to award a job creation or retention tax credit — which is tied to jobs goals agreed upon by the company and the Kasich administration.

Other companies seeking tax credits today include Abercrombie & Fitch in New Albany, retaining about 1,700 jobs, Ford Motor Co., which is expected to announce with Kasich Tuesday an investment of at least \$128 million and retention of 1,900 jobs at its plant in Lorain County (numbers are according to the Ohio Democratic Party. Kasich is a Republican), and the Timken Co., near Canton.

Another is AmTrust Financial Services, which would create about 800 new jobs in downtown Cleveland, according to the Plain Dealer.

"It's a big day for Ohio and it just shows that we continue to move in the right direction," Kasich said. "When you look at these projects, they're pretty well distributed around the state. I had another phone call today with a company overseas, talked to a person over there. We just continue to make calls, just keep plugging. But I think the sun is starting to come up in Ohio."

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## Ohio offers tax breaks to 30 companies including Ford, Timken

By Robert Schoenberger, The Plain Dealer

Ohio's Tax Credit Authority approved tax breaks to a record 30 companies Monday, including funds for Ford in Avon Lake and Timken in Canton.

The state says the projects will create 3,501 new jobs over the next few years and retain 10,539 existing jobs. A separate state program approved several loans to companies that would create another 688 jobs and retain another 1,482.

"It's a big day for Ohio, and it just shows that we continue to move in the right direction," said Gov. John Kasich on Monday. "And if you look at these projects, it shows that they are pretty well distributed around the state."

The state no longer releases a project-by-project estimate of how much its incentives are worth to companies, but the eight Northeast Ohio projects offer \$49.5 million in tax breaks to companies over as many as 15 years.

The biggest deal for Northeast Ohio is publicly traded insurance company AmTrust Financial Services decision to bring about 1,000 jobs to downtown Cleveland. Most of those are new positions, although the company will move about 245 people downtown from offices in Seven Hills. The state estimates the 15-year tax credit will save AmTrust \$11.4 million.

Other major Northeast Ohio projects include Ford's plan to retool its Ohio Assembly Plant in Avon Lake to make commercial trucks instead of vans. The automaker plans to hold a news conference Tuesday to discuss those plans.

"I'll be up at Ford [Tuesday]," Kasich said. "Ford is making a \$1 billion investment in Ohio, Avon Lake. . . . There'll be other announcements there."

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## VIDEO: Ohio Approves Millions To Help Keep, Bring Businesses To State

**COLUMBUS, Ohio** - The state agreed on Monday to give Ford Motor Co. and 29 other companies millions of dollars of Ohio tax money, 10TV's Kurt Ludlow reported.

Every 10 minutes, one company after another told board members how giving their companies Ohio tax incentives would keep Ohioans working.

Gov. John Kasich sat in on the meetings, Ludlow reported.

"It's a big day for Ohio and it just shows that we continue to move in the right direction and if you look at these projects, they're pretty well-distributed around the state," Kasich said.

Thirty companies received tax incentives totaling more than \$60 million. In exchange, the companies promised to create 3,501 new jobs in Ohio and retain 10,539 other jobs.

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## **All Service Plastic Molding to create 101 full-time jobs as part of major expansion project**

COLUMBUS - Gov. John R. Kasich and JobsOhio President and Chief Investment Officer Mark Kvamme today announced that All Service Plastic Molding, Inc. (ASPM) will relocate and expand operations to Vandalia, a project that will create 101 new full-time jobs and generate \$2.4 million in additional annual payroll.

Ohio faced stiff competition from Indiana for the project, but a strong partnership between JobsOhio and the City of Vandalia, and today's decision by the Ohio Tax Credit Authority to approve a \$98,333 Job Creation Tax Credit helped to solidify the company's decision to expand operations in Ohio. ASPM will make a \$9 million investment to outfit a new 143,000 square-foot facility to house all of the company's warehousing and manufacturing needs.

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## **Online retailer Zulily may add 580 jobs in Obetz**

By Brian R. Ball

An online retailer offering daily deals for apparel and other products geared toward babies and their mothers has its eyes on a distribution center in Obetz.

Seattle-based Zulily Inc. could hire 580 workers in the Creekside XXII distribution center over the next three years now that the Ohio Tax Credit Authority has approved a 11-year, 60 percent tax credit. The state panel approved the incentives Monday on the company's planned \$14.4 annual payroll. Terms of the deal require Zulily to stay in the distribution center for at least 14 years.

The village of Obetz on Nov. 28 approved a 10-year, 50 percent credit for taxes generated by employees to the village. The building formerly occupied by Whirlpool Corp. also has an existing property tax abatement. The village estimates the worth of its incentives at about \$6.4 million.

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