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**Governor Continues to Lay Foundation for New Energy Jobs in Ohio**

*Strickland to Sign Bill to Eliminate Tax on Advanced Energy Projects;  
Governor, Patt-McDaniel Announce the Launch of New Energizing Careers Program*

**Columbus, Ohio** – Governor Ted Strickland continues to lay a foundation for a growing advanced energy economy, announcing today the establishment of new \$6 million green job training program and that he plans to sign legislation later today that eliminates the tangible personal property tax and real tax on generation for advanced energy projects in Ohio.

“Our plan to create Ohio jobs includes both supporting growing industries like advanced energy and helping Ohioans get the skills and education they need to secure employment in those industries,” Strickland said.

**Advanced Energy Tax Exemption to Make Ohio More Competitive**

Strickland called for the elimination of the uncompetitive taxes on advanced energy projects in his 2010 State of the State address and made this a top priority in his 2010 job creation agenda. He will sign SB 232 tonight.

“The elimination of this burdensome tax strengthens Ohio's competitiveness in the growing energy production industries,” Strickland said. “I appreciate the legislature's commitment to strengthening our advanced energy industry in Ohio. I believe the elimination of these taxes will make it easier for advanced energy companies to do business and create jobs in Ohio.”

State Senator Chris Widener sponsored SB 232, which eliminates Ohio's tangible personal property tax and real taxes on generation for advanced energy project facilities that begin construction before January 1, 2012, produce energy by 2013 (or 2017 for nuclear, clean coal and cogeneration projects), and create Ohio jobs. Reps. Roland Winburn, Debbie Phillips, and Tom Letson also provided leadership in advancing this legislation. The bill allows companies that are seeking to build advanced energy generation facilities in Ohio to make an annual payment in lieu of taxes, thereby bringing Ohio's tax rates for these kinds of projects in line with surrounding states.

**New Energizing Careers Job Training Program**

Governor Strickland and Ohio Department of Development Director Lisa Patt-McDaniel also announced today the start of a new \$6 million jobs program, the Energizing Careers Program, for training Ohio's workforce for green energy careers.

The State of Ohio is now accepting requests for proposals from companies looking to train employees for the growing energy economy through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) State Energy Sector Partnership Training program, funded through a grant with the U.S. Department of Labor.

“Ohio’s combination of manufacturing and advanced energy industry leadership helped secure the maximum amount of Recovery Act funding available for retraining programs,” Strickland said. “We are quickly putting these dollars to use to retrain Ohio workers for the new energy jobs our economy is creating. I would like to thank President Obama and our congressional leadership for making these important programs possible.”

“We are committed to creating opportunities for Ohio’s workers and companies to stay competitive and current in their fields,” Patt-McDaniel said. “The Energizing Careers Program will provide customized training for improving workers’ skills in Ohio’s expanding advanced energy manufacturing sector, ensuring that Ohio’s workers are on the cutting edge of business.”

The Ohio Department of Development’s Workforce and Talent Division will administer the Energizing Careers Program to assist companies that are manufacturing components for the wind, solar, and biomass industries. The Energizing Careers Program will reimburse the cost of training up to \$6,000 for full-time employees, with preferential project funding to companies located in the 44 Ohio counties impacted by the restructuring of the automotive industry.

Companies that pay employees \$18 to \$25 per hour excluding benefits, and companies that employ dislocated workers, workers in need of additional training, veterans, and traditionally underserved populations including women, minorities, and Appalachian residents are strongly encourage to apply.

To obtain a copy of the request for proposal, please visit the Governor’s Workforce Policy Advisory Board website at <http://www.ohioworkforceboard.org>. The deadline for companies to submit their one-page project summaries and their proposals on the <http://recovery.ohio.gov/opportunities/state/> website will be 4:00 p.m. on July 30, 2010.

To submit forms on the website, applicants should click "submit your proposal" then choose the program category "Energy and Environment" and the subprogram "Energizing Careers Program". Only projects that have submitted initial summaries will be considered for formal proposals.

#### **Ohio’s Auto-impacted Counties and Major Metropolitan areas**

- Adams
- Allen
- Auglaize
- Carroll
- Champaign
- Clermont
- Clinton
- Crawford
- Cuyahoga (Cleveland)
- Defiance
- Erie
- Fulton
- Hamilton (Cincinnati)
- Hancock
- Huron
- Jackson
- Knox
- Logan
- Lorain
- Lucas (Toledo)
- Madison
- Montgomery (Dayton)
- Morrow
- Noble
- Paulding
- Pike
- Preble
- Putnam
- Seneca
- Shelby
- Summit
- Trumbull
- Union
- Van Wert
- Wayne
- Williams
- Wood
- Wyandot

- Hardin
  - Henry
  - Highland
- Richland
  - Ross
  - Sandusky

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