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**LT. GOVERNOR TO VISIT AKRON-CANTON, DISCUSS TAX REFORM**  
**Stops include tour of Group Midwest, speech at Inventors Hall of Fame**

**Who:** Lieutenant Governor Bruce Johnson

**What:** Morning tour of Group Midwest, followed by luncheon speech at the National Inventors Hall of Fame for the annual meeting of the "Fund For Our Economic Future."

**When:** Monday, February 28, 2005  
Group Midwest Tour: 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.  
Luncheon Speech: 12 Noon – 1 p.m.

**Where:** Group Midwest  
6299 Dressler Road, NW  
North Canton

National Inventors Hall of Fame  
221 South Broadway  
Akron, Ohio

**Details:** Johnson will be traveling through the Akron-Canton Region in support of Governor Bob Taft's tax reform plan. At 9:30 a.m., he will tour the Group Midwest facilities and speak with management, employees and press about the tax plan. Group Midwest companies operate in North and South America, Europe, the Middle East and the Pacific Rim. They provide telecommunications and information technology products and services.

At noon, Johnson will be the luncheon speaker for the annual meeting of the Fund For Our Economic Future. He will speak on the need for tax reform to help secure the future of Ohio's economy. The Fund is a collaboration among the philanthropic sector of Northeast Ohio to encourage and advance a common and highly focused regional economic development agenda to lead to long-term economic transformation in ways that recognize the importance of core cities, inclusion/diversity and quality of life.

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