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LT. GOVERNOR DISCUSSES RURAL HEALTH
AT STATEWIDE CONFERENCE

Columbus -- Lieutenant Governor Bruce Johnson today addressed rural healthcare providers and community leaders from across the state at the 2005 Ohio Rural Health Conference.

“It is the state’s goal to help every rural community in addressing its own unique healthcare concerns,” said Johnson, who also serves as state development director. “It is my hope that today you will learn strategies to assist your communities in improving the access and quality of healthcare in your area.”

The 2005 Ohio Rural Health Conference, titled “Bringing It Home: Quality, Access and Resources,” focused on homegrown, unique solutions to rural health concerns. The Ohio Rural Development Partnership (ORDP) in collaboration with the Office of Rural Health at the Ohio Department of Health sponsored the conference.

The ORDP office, administered in cooperation with the Ohio Department of Agriculture, is a statewide organization that brings together citizens, the private sector, and federal, state, and local officials to address the needs of rural Ohio communities. The Partnership provides a forum for members of the agriculture industry, health care industry, educational institutions, economic and community development organizations, for-profit and non-profit corporations, and social service agencies to address special needs and opportunities in rural Ohio.

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