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**LT. GOVERNOR PRESENTS NOBLE AND MORGAN COUNTIES WITH FUNDS TO
ATTRACT NEW BUSINESS AND CREATE JOBS**

COLUMBUS — Lieutenant Governor Bruce Johnson today presented officials from Noble and Morgan Counties with a total of \$575,000 in Industrial Site Improvement Fund (ISIF) grants to improve qualified commercial and industrial areas.

“This funding will provide new growth opportunities for a region that has been at a disadvantage in competition for new projects because of a lack of immediately available sites with necessary infrastructure in place,” said Johnson, who also serves as state development director. “I’m pleased that the ISIF is making it possible for Ohio communities and businesses to create new infrastructure, and to recognize the potential of existing facilities for future job creation.”

Noble County was awarded \$325,000 to make necessary infrastructure improvements at a site located along State Route 821 in Olive Township. This ISIF project involves preparing a site for the new location of Professional Services Group, which will result in the creation of 35 jobs. State assistance will be used for roadwork improvements and parking suitable for heavy truck traffic, construction of a waterline, underground utilities and a septic system. The total estimated total project cost is more than \$1.8 million.

Morgan County was awarded \$250,000 to assist in renovations to the former Malta Windows facility in an effort to prepare the 390,000 square-foot site for additional occupants (currently four companies are utilizing approximately 120,000 square feet of the facility). State assistance will be used for renovations that will add valuable industrial space to the community and aid in attracting new business and development to this rural, Appalachian county. The total project cost is approximately \$1.3 million.

The ISIF is a pilot program, providing assistance to eligible Ohio counties to improve qualified commercial and industrial areas. Funds may be used for public and/or private infrastructure improvements, expansion and/or renovation of existing buildings and environmental remediation. ISIF applications are evaluated based on the county’s distress level, the project’s feasibility and implementation plan, the local and private financial participation and the economic and community impact of the project.