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**LT. GOVERNOR VISIT TO DAYTON FOCUSES ON ECONOMY, ISSUE 1**

Dayton – Lt. Governor Johnson today delivered keynote remarks at a meeting of the Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce. He spoke to more than 100 business and community leaders about the ongoing effort to improve Ohio’s economy and the Jobs for Ohio Bond Initiative’s role in that effort.

“Through tort reform, tax reform and increased marketing efforts, we are showing the world that Ohio Means Business,” said Johnson, who also serves as state development director. “The next step is to ensure economic development opportunities for all Ohioans by making more investment available for public infrastructure, job ready sites, research, and the development of new technologies.”

Johnson told the audience that the Jobs for Ohio Bond Initiative, Issue 1 on the November 8 ballot, provides the comprehensive infrastructure necessary for today’s economy. The \$2 billion initiative funds three measures; \$1.35 billion over the next ten years for traditional infrastructure, \$500 million over seven years for technology infrastructure and \$150 million over seven years for the creation of job ready sites. “Without raising taxes, Issue 1 ensures local governments can continue building the roads, bridges and water systems that are important to their community, while allowing the state to build upon a technology infrastructure that will attract good jobs in the knowledge economy,” said Johnson.

In Montgomery County alone, the Public Works Commission has provided more than \$132 million in funding resulting in more than \$207 million in projects being constructed, including the 2005 Findlay Street Bridge Reconstruction, the 2004 Philadelphia Drive Widening and North Dixie Drive Improvements in 2005. Additionally, Dayton-area institutions and businesses have received nearly \$34 million through the Third Frontier project.

Local Third Frontier successes to date include two start-up companies being formed as a result of the Third Frontier-backed National Composite Center, and an announcement by Alien Technologies, a collaborator on the Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) Application and Education Center that the California based company will establish 100 jobs in the Dayton area and build facilities that allow companies to experiment with various technical configurations in a warehouse laboratory. “The Dayton Region is one of Ohio’s hotbeds of technology, and is showing how to tap into existing strengths in order to secure its economic future,” said Johnson.

In addition to being placed on the ballot with overwhelming bipartisan support, Issue 1 has been endorsed by numerous organizations, including the Ohio Chamber of Commerce, the Ohio Farm Bureau, and the Ohio Chapter of the AFL-CIO. Local supporter include the Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce, the Dayton Development Coalition, the Springfield-Clark County Chamber of Commerce, the Greene County Township Association, State Representatives Dixie Allen and Fred Strahorn, State Senator Jeff Jacobson, and Dayton Mayor Rhine McLin.

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