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JOHNSON ANNOUNCES \$1.5 MILLION IN CLEAN OHIO FUNDS FOR CLEVELAND AND VILLAGE OF COAL GROVE

COLUMBUS - Lieutenant Governor Bruce Johnson today announced that \$1.5 million from the Clean Ohio Assistance Fund (COAF) has been awarded to two communities for brownfield remediation activities. It is expected that the projects will create a total of 88 jobs and maintain 15 positions.

“This funding is designed to help communities to transform former distressed sites into viable locations for future economic development,” said Johnson, who also serves as state development director. “By preparing these brownfield sites for new investment, we are demonstrating that ‘Ohio Means Business’. I’m confident that these efforts will lead to future economic and community investment that will result in the creation of good jobs for Ohioans in these communities.”

The **Village of Coal Grove**, located in Lawrence County, will receive \$750,000 for the remediation of the former Carlyle Tile property, located at 922 Pike Street. McGinnis, Inc. owns the 30.85-acre property and plans to contribute \$162,052 toward clean up activities. This project is projected to stimulate more than \$1 million in redevelopment projects along the Ohio River. McGinnis, Inc. will create 53 new jobs at the site to support the expanding business of barge-to-rail and barge-to-truck container shipments. The improvements include dredging of the fleeting area, construction of a 52,000 square-foot industrial building and site improvements.

The **City of Cleveland**, located in Cuyahoga County, will receive \$750,000 for remediation activities at the former Monarch Aluminum/Trinity Building property, which is located at 9203 Detroit Avenue. The 5.6-acre site is owned by the City of Cleveland, which plans to contribute more than \$2.1 million toward remediation activities. Once remediated, Energy Wise Building Systems, LLC is expected to move to the site where it will manufacturer super energy efficient panelized building systems. Energy Wise plans to invest approximately \$3.2 million to build a 50,000 square-foot office/warehouse facility on the site. The company plans to maintain 15 positions and create 35 jobs as a result of the project.

The State Controlling Board today approved the funds, which were awarded from the \$10 million COAF. COAF funds must be used for Phase I and II Environmental Assessments, brownfield redevelopment or public health projects. Projects located in situational distressed, inner distressed, distressed or labor surplus cities are eligible for funding. Projects are evaluated based on economic benefit; environmental improvement, including public health benefit; appropriateness and reasonableness of the proposed project and the financial condition of the community.