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Amanda Sutphin Joins OhioSE Team as Regional Talent Coordinator

Southeast Ohio: January 4, 2023 — Ohio Southeast Economic Development (OhioSE) announced today Amanda Sutphin as its new Regional Talent Coordinator, effective Monday, December 4.

Sutphin is an experienced public service professional who has served the Corporation of Ohio Appalachian Development (COAD) and Washington County Department of Job and Family Services for a combined 21 years. During her time at COAD, she served in roles helping families find quality child care and helped increase the amount of child care options in Southeast Ohio by working with those interested in becoming licensed Child Care Providers. Sutphin became invested in the issues of not having enough childcare openings in Ohio to serve those individuals wanting to return to the workforce and have quality childcare.

Most recently, Sutphin served as the Workforce Administrator for Area 15 Ohio Means Jobs and the Program Operator for the comprehensive One-Stop in Washington County. While in this position, Sutphin prioritized Incumbent Worker Training for regional businesses. Through her efforts, Area 15 was able to lead the state in WIOA funding used for business training and upskilling. She was also able to be part of the WIOA Youth, Adult, and Dislocated programs that provide training and support services for Ohio's workforce.

A native of Washington County for over 30 years, Sutphin is dedicated to increasing opportunities for Southeast Ohioans.

"Working for Ohio Means Jobs led me to have a passion for workforce development and community engagement and made me want to create more sustainable opportunities for business and individuals alike," she said. "I'm looking forward to being part of a team that will support Ohio's businesses to grow, bring more business into Ohio, and build a strong workforce. I've lived in Washington County for the last 30+ years, I've raised my family here, and I want to make sure that my children have a strong community with many opportunities to raise their families here."

As the demand for skilled talent continues to increase throughout the region, the newly created Talent Coordinator position will enable OhioSE to provide additional talent advising and project assistance to our existing businesses. Sutphin will work closely with Kara Willis, OhioSE's Regional Talent Manager, and collaborate with OhioSE Project Managers and local workforce partners to provide talent solutions for regional clients.

"OhioSE is excited to welcome Amanda," said Willis. "Her knowledge and experience working in the workforce ecosystem will bring an element of expertise to our team, and help our clients access and utilize local and regional resources to their fullest extent."

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Ohio Southeast Economic Development (OhioSE) is the JobsOhio Network Partner for southern, eastern, and southeastern Ohio, providing economic development work and resources in 25 rural counties; they are the newest and geographically the largest of the six regions across the state. OhioSE partners closely with regional development districts, local economic development offices, state agencies, and other entities to expand, retain, and attract businesses in the counties they serve. Learn more at OhioSE.com.

JobsOhio is a private nonprofit economic development corporation designed to drive job creation and new capital investment in Ohio through business attraction, retention and expansion. The organization also works to seed talent production in its targeted industries and to attract talent to Ohio though <u>Find Your Ohio</u>. JobsOhio works with six regional partners across Ohio: <u>Dayton Development Coalition</u>, <u>Ohio Southeast Economic Development</u>, <u>One Columbus</u>, <u>REDI Cincinnati</u>, <u>Regional Growth Partnership</u> and <u>Team NEO</u>. Learn more at <u>www.jobsohio.com</u>. Follow us on <u>LinkedIn</u>, <u>Twitter</u> and <u>Facebook</u>.