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### **Ohio Southeast Announces Recognition of 2022 Economic Development Week**

*The international event will highlight local efforts to increase the quality of life in every community over the course of May 9 to May 13, 2022*

**Southeast Ohio: May 10, 2022** – Ohio Southeast Economic Development (OhioSE) marks the week of May 9 to May 13, 2022, as the next Economic Development Week. During this week, communities across North America will celebrate and recognize the contributions made by professional economic developers to create more economically vibrant and livable communities.

Created in 2016 by International Economic Development Council (IEDC), the largest international professional trade association for economic developers, Economic Development Week aims to increase awareness for local programs that create jobs, advance career development opportunities, and improve the quality of life in communities everywhere.

"Economic developers play essential roles in promoting the economic health and vitality of their communities — a fact that has only been proven further by the events of the past two years," says IEDC President & CEO Nathan Ohle. "The 2022 Economic Development Week will serve to recognize, honor and celebrate the ingenuity and leadership practitioners have shown in working to create a more equitable and prosperous future for everyone. I encourage everyone to begin planning their own celebrations that will lift up the important outcomes economic developers facilitate in their communities."

This spring, OhioSE recognized local economic developers across Southeast Ohio for their outstanding efforts. For Best Community Development Project, Gwynn Stewart and the Noble County Infrastructure Expansions were honored; the expansions will increase access to public water and broadband in the county. For Best Building Development, Joy Davis and the Logan-Hocking Industrial Park in Hocking County were recognized. For Best Site Development, Bill Dingus, Robert Horton, Lawrence County, and Scioto County were recognized for the NS Haverhill/SOID Sewer Extension project. For Best Project, Gary Arnett and Daphne Mosley, along with RK Administrative Services, LLC (operating as Rural King) in Pike County, were honored.

So far in 2022, OhioSE has assisted **13 company expansions and new locations**. Those companies will create **446 new, quality jobs** and invest **over \$40 million in fixed assets**. Over the past ten years, OhioSE has built a strong team of 12 dedicated professionals, developed a brand, supported over 270 projects that have or will create over 9,000 jobs, invested over \$42 million of JobsOhio funds in 19 speculative site and building development and redevelopment projects, and helped to lay a foundation for future business growth in the region.

"We extend our sincere appreciation to all of our local, regional, and state partners working to make our Southeast Ohio economically stronger," said OhioSE President Mike Jacoby. "I have worked in economic development in Ohio for 28 years and experienced economic development strategies and

implementation under five different governors. Never in my career have companies, communities, and economic development professionals in Ohio had access to so many different tools and programs.”

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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](http://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 through [Find Your Ohio](#). JobsOhio works with six regional partners across Ohio: [Dayton Development Coalition](#), [Ohio Southeast Economic Development](#), [One Columbus](#), [REDI Cincinnati](#), [Regional Growth Partnership](#) and [Team NEO](#). Learn more at [www.jobsohio.com](http://www.jobsohio.com). Follow us on [LinkedIn](#), [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

**The International Economic Development Council (IEDC)** is a non-profit membership organization serving economic developers. With more than 4,300 members, IEDC is the largest organization of its kind. Economic developers promote economic well-being and quality of life for their communities, by creating, retaining and expanding jobs that facilitate growth, enhance wealth and provide a stable tax base. From public to private, rural to urban, and local to international, IEDC’s members are engaged in the full range of economic development experience. Given the breadth of economic development work, our members are employed in a wide variety of settings including local, state, provincial and federal governments, public-private partnerships, chambers of commerce, universities and a variety of other institutions. IEDC’s members create high-quality jobs, develop vibrant communities and improve the quality of life in their regions. [www.iedcONLINE.org](http://www.iedcONLINE.org).

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