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Greetings!

Welcome to the eighth issue of *Economic News from Ohio's Regions*, a new weekly newsletter from the [Ohio Urban University Program](#) and the [Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs, Cleveland State University](#). We'll search Ohio's papers to bring you economic news and key happenings that impact Ohio's regions.

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News From Around Ohio

[Team Neo Exceeds Goals in Bringing Jobs to the Area](#)

(The Plain Dealer, March 25, 2008) A new focus on luring business to Northeast Ohio seems to be paying off. Team NEO, the region's top business-attraction group, helped land 10 projects and \$46 million in new payroll last year, far exceeding its goals.

[Making a Home for High Tech](#) (WCPN, March 25, 2008) Sneakers and jeans mixed with three-piece suits, as a cross section of new entrepreneurs gathered in Cleveland, yesterday. The goal was to make Northeast Ohio more hospitable to High Tech.

[Region's Home Prices Continue to Tumble](#) (The Plain Dealer, March 26, 2008) Two new reports show tumbling prices as the slide continues in Greater Cleveland as frustrated sellers take less for their properties than they ever expected.

[Summit, Stark Jobless Rates Down](#) (Akron Beacon Journal, March 26, 2008) The unemployment rate dipped in Summit and Stark counties last month,

according to new figures from the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services.

[Editorial: Higher Efficiency](#) (Akron Beacon Journal, March 25, 2008) With expected increases in energy demand, can Ohio recognize the value of energy efficiency?

[County Banks on Future Growth](#) (Bowling Green Sentinel Tribune, March 26, 2008) Wood County is prepared to ensure the economic growth of its towns and villages even if the rest of the state is flagging.

[Editorial: Stark County Should Be Vigilant for Opportunities to Exploit Growth in Auto Manufacturing](#) (Canton Repository, March 25, 2008) Kudos to Stark County's commissioners for their effort to attract the global auto manufacturer Volkswagen A.G. to consider Stark County as a likely site for its proposed auto manufacturing plant.

[Cincinnati USA Partnership: \\$2.7 B in Capital Invested Locally](#) (Cincinnati Business Courier, March 25, 2008) Economic development projects added \$2.7 billion in capital investment to the local economy last year.

[SSCC inks Agreement with ABCEOI](#) (The People's Defender, March 26, 2008) Adams and Brown County entrepreneurs and small businesses can expect additional support and training, according to a new collaborative between Southern State Community College and the Business Development Department of Adams Brown Counties.

[State is Trying to Build Jobs](#) (Chillicothe Gazette, March 27, 2008) Local officials are enthusiastic about the governor's \$1.7 billion job investment proposal and its positive impact on Ross County if approved.

[Worker-Training Gets Renewed Emphasis](#) (The Plain Dealer, March 28, 2008) Governor Strickland on Thursday ordered the shift of some \$30 million and two dozen staffers to better serve worker training needs of companies.

[Ohio Task Force Begins Mission of Creating a New 21st Century Industry](#) (Fox Business, March 27, 2008) The state of Ohio has appointed thirteen members, representing expertise in the fields of chemicals, polymers and advanced materials, to serve on the Ohio Agriculture to Chemicals, Polymers, and Advanced Materials Task Force to accelerate the state

business climate.

[Think, Act Regionally](#) (Toledo Blade, March 30, 2008)

The disconnected system of northwest Ohio's disparate, often ineffective, and sometimes contentious economic development organizations does not work.

[Cities with Streetcars Call them Boost to Development](#) (Columbus Dispatch, March 31, 2008)

Mayor Coleman is unveiling a financing plan to get a proposed \$103 million line between Downtown and Ohio State University running by 2012.

[Report Suggests NEO will Need Aggressive Efforts for Economic Development](#) (The Plain Dealer, March 31, 2008)

The region's sluggish economic growth could turn downright puny in the next decade, reinforcing the need for aggressive economic development, a new report suggests.

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