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Greetings!

Welcome to the latest 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

[Engineering firms will recommend convention center site](#) (The Plain Dealer, May 8, 2008) Three Cleveland-based construction and engineering companies will help whittle the choices for a new downtown convention center site. The Greater Cleveland Partnership hired the companies recently for an independent cost comparison and site specific research.

[Cleveland public, charter schools pledge to work together](#)

(The Plain Dealer, May 8, 2008) Leaders of traditional public education and upstart charter schools agreed Wednesday to work together to provide opportunities for all Cleveland children.

[Area women buck trend of nationwide decline found in entrepreneurship study](#)

(Toledo Blade, May 8, 2008) The stories of women entrepreneurs in Toledo is in stark contrast to a recent study that found women's entrepreneurial activity on the decline in 2007.

[NSF Finds State Agencies Spent \\$1.1 Billion for FY 2006](#) ([SSTI.org](#), May 7, 2008) National Science

Foundation (NSF) finds 252 different state agencies across the country directly supported R&D and R&D facilities totaling \$1.1 billion in fiscal year 2006. See where Ohio stands.

[Editorial: Ohio Should Re-Establish Control of High Interest Loans](#)

(Youngstown Vindicator, May 8, 2008) State representatives have come to realize that the "let the buyer beware" attitude that drove enabling legislation in the 1990s has created an industry in which cash-strapped people were being trapped. In the long run, these high-cost loans take a toll on society that Ohio's legislators should recognize and act upon.

[It Makes a Village](#) (Akron Beacon Journal, May 11, 2008) Three-story townhouses are giving Akron a new lease on life and the hope that urban development will attract young professionals.

[Area Jobs Shifting from Manufacturing to Medical](#)

(Canton Repository, May 11, 2008) The U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates that between 1998 and 2007, Stark and Carroll counties lost about a third of their manufacturing jobs. In contrast, the number of health care and social assistance workers in the counties rose nearly 14 percent to 26,400 from 1998 to 2007.

[Ohio Funding to Create Cincinnati STEM School](#)

(Cincinnati Business Courier, May 9, 2008) Cincinnati Public Schools will create a science-technology-engineering-mathematics (STEM) high school at Hughes Center, with the approval of almost \$600,000 in funding from the state of Ohio.

[Cincinnati Among Top 10 in Relocation Ranking](#)

(Cincinnati Business Courier, May 9, 2008) Cincinnati and Midwestern cities fared well in a ranking of the "2008 Best Cities for Relocating Families," compiled by Worldwide ERC and Primacy Relocation.

[Cleveland Port Hear Pitch on Canadian Project](#)

(The Plain Dealer, May 10, 2008) Plans for a \$300 million port at Melford, Nova Scotia - a port big enough to receive and send megaships filled with container cargo - could mean more water-borne commerce for Northeast Ohio.

[Editorial: Ground Breaking](#)

(Akron Beacon Journal, May 12, 2008) Akron's newest public school will bring concrete reality to an innovative educational partnership. The middle school for fifth through eighth grade is scheduled to open in the fall of 2009.

Business Cluster Can Make a Region Bustle with Opportunity

(Dayton Daily News, May 11, 2008) A Wright State University professor says metro areas should build upon existing businesses and services. And a recent study by the Brookings Institute says clusters remain critical to the economic growth and competitiveness of the country and metropolitan areas such as Dayton.

Public Housing Might be Halved

(Columbus Dispatch, May 12, 2008) Amid funding cuts, CMHA wants to tear down 6 of its biggest sites and give tenants vouchers to rent private apartments.

State Stimulus Plan Have Faced Hiccups

(Columbus Dispatch, May 12, 2008) State lawmakers are expected to begin hearings this week on a \$1.57 billion spending plan designed to boost the struggling state economy, making Ohio one of several states pursuing such a strategy in the face of a recession.

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