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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.

News From Around Ohio

[Editorial: Dayton needs its stimulus money now](#)

(Dayton Daily News, July 21, 2009) If Dayton city officials could send one message to the federal government about the stimulus money, it would be: Get us the money now. Dayton has put in for more than \$125 million in stimulus aid from the \$787 billion Congress allocated in February hoping to create, or save, jobs.

[Editorial: Clash in Cuyahoga](#) (Akron Beacon Journal, July 24, 2009) Early this week, the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections approved an issue for the November ballot that would streamline county government, pulling together administrative functions under an elected executive and putting legislature power in the hands of an 11-member council. Of course, in the state's largest county, little is easy, and that includes worthy change. Thus, the previous week, Peter Lawson Jones and Tim Hagan placed an alternative reform measure before voters in the fall.

[Port to ensure \\$2.7M grant for air-cargo hub](#) (Toledo Blade, July 24, 2009) The Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority is taking a \$2.7 million risk to ensure the continuing viability of BAX Global's air-cargo hub at Toledo Express Airport.

[Governments face leaner budgets](#) (Cincinnati Enquirer, July 25, 2009) The Enquirer analyzed a sampling of budgets and found that communities everywhere are predicting less money coming in 2010

than they received in 2009 - already one of the harshest years in a generation for local governments.

[Ohio's 'Big 3' discuss budget, gambling](#) (Columbus Dispatch, July 26, 2009) The newspaper conducted separate interviews posing the same questions to Strickland, a Democrat, Harris, R-Ashland, and Budish, D-Beachwood, as well as one question targeted specifically for each leader.

[School officials react to new state budget](#) (Defiance Crescent News, July 26, 2009) Area school officials are evaluating the new two-year state budget, which includes a transition to a new funding plan for primary and secondary education. The early reaction is mixed.

[Editorial: Dayton lost; competition has to deliver](#) (Dayton Daily News, July 26, 2009) The Ohio Board of Regents has a tough, new policy when it comes to doling out money to special programs. Its competitive bidding rules send the message, "What doesn't work won't get funded." That is the right attitude. Last week the new approach cost Dayton schools \$730,000 and forced the ending of its adult basic literacy program.

[Building projects stalled by nations financial turmoil](#) (Toledo Blade, July 26, 2009) The local situation is not as dire as that of some large cities because fewer billion-dollar projects are built here, so stalled projects are smaller.

[Budget saga 'just beginning'](#) (Cuyahoga Falls News Press, July 26, 2009) The budget is a done deal, and Gov. Ted Strickland and state lawmakers from both sides of the political aisle have avoided increasing taxes and the resulting election year doom.

[Phantoms of the Statehouse](#) (Akron Beacon Journal, July 26, 2009) Gov. Strickland has been touring the state in recent days touting the achievements and priorities of the new two-year, \$51 billion state budget highlighting such things as expansions in health coverage and limits on tuition costs. The trouble is, the overall plan isn't nearly as good as the governor contends.

[Internship program aims to keep logistics grads in Central Ohio](#) (Columbus Business First, July 27, 2009) In partnership with the region's logistics trade association, the Columbus Chamber has begun an internship program to improve the odds students will consider taking a Central Ohio job when they graduate. The goal is for students to get a view of what the region

can offer as a logistics career center and as a place to live.

Editorial: Challenge to slot plans could break the fragile budget (Youngstown Vindicator, July 27, 2009)
Everybody wants government to cut spending, but it seems nobody wants the cuts to come at their expense. And nobody wants tax increases. Thus it is with the recently passed Ohio budget.

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