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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

[First Studies Encouraging on Lake Wind Turbines](#)

(The Plain Dealer, Sept. 30, 2008) Lake Erie's wind, geology and habitat can accommodate towering wind turbines, new studies from a local energy task force say.

[Cincinnati Hopes Roofs Go Green](#)

(Akron Beacon Journal, Oct 2, 2008) City Council on Wednesday became the first in the state with a plan to channel grants and loans to residents and businesses to replace tar and shingles with vegetation.

[Editorial: Closing Time](#)

(Akron Beacon Journal, Oct. 5, 2008) How will the state make ends meet? A report unveiled last week by Policy Matters Ohio should be close at hand as the governor and lawmakers put together the budget.

[For Both Sides, Ohio Initiatives are about Jobs](#)

(Canton Repository, Oct. 6, 2008) Depending on who's doing the talking three state ballot issues would either create jobs or leave even more Ohioans without work.

[Michigan Battles with Ohio Over Jobs](#)

(Detroit Free Press, Oct. 6, 2008) Despite years of heated competition, Michigan and Ohio are in early talks about joining forces to win new business, a move that economic development experts say is essential given

the challenges both states face.

[Academic Medicine Means Business for Ohio](#)

(Market Watch.com, Oct. 6, 2008) Ohio's academic health care industry contributed \$37.2 billion to the state's economy in 2007, an increase of approximately \$16.5 billion since 2002.

[Ohio Manufacturing Jobs Down 2.7%](#)

(Manufacturer's News Inc., Oct. 6, 2008) The Directory reports Ohio lost 27,398 industrial jobs from August 2007 to August 2008, continuing the decline the state has seen over the past several years.

[Trade Deficit Cost Ohio More Than 300,000 Jobs Last Year](#)

(Dayton Business Journal, Oct. 3, 2008) Ohio was fifth in the country for job losses attributed to the non-oil trade deficit in 2007, according to a report released by the Economic Policy Institute.

[Two More Ethanol Plants to Open in Ohio this Month](#)

(Zanesville Recorder, Oct. 6, 2008) The opening of two more ethanol plants in Ohio this month will cap off a building boom in the state over the last year.

[Ethanol to Flow in Fostoria](#) (The Advertiser Tribune, Oct. 1, 2008) The \$130 million facility - the second ethanol plant in Ohio - was officially opened Tuesday. Production is expected to begin Monday.

[Visitors Soak Up Bright Ideas from Ohio Solar Tour Exhibits](#)

(Toledo Blade, Oct. 5, 2008) The hottest installation at the Toledo Museum of Art wasn't inside any gallery space or period room - it was up on the building's roof.

[Editorial: Community College Plan Prompts Some Questions](#)

(Youngstown Vindicator, Oct. 5, 2008) The general concept is a good one, creating an institution that provides affordable college-level courses to residents in Mahoning, Trumbull, Columbiana and Jefferson counties. That said, there are a couple of major issues we believe must be addressed before the community college plan is put in effect.

[Ohio Lake Erie Commission Releases Protection Plan](#)

(The Morning Journal, Oct. 6, 2008) The Ohio Lake Erie Commission released its Lake Erie Protection & Restoration Plan 2008 last week, outlining

10 priorities for the lake from now through 2014.

[Job Seekers Look for Flicker of Hope in Dim Economy](#) (Dayton Daily News, Oct. 5, 2008) Workers who have been laid off or fear being laid off attend a Montgomery County Job Fair - read their stories.

[Prevailing Wage Change Starts Soon](#) (Columbus Dispatch, Oct. 5, 2008) Strickland has directed the Department of Commerce to expand the state's prevailing-wage law to privately funded projects that receive at least some direct government financing. The change, which takes effect on Oct. 15, means projects might be required to pay union-scale wages for the entire project instead of just the government-funded portion.

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