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Greetings!

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

[Development chief ready to sell state](#) (Columbus Business First, Oct. 9, 2009) A Mentor native and 19-year veteran of the Development Department, Patt-McDaniel, 44, was named interim director in May by Gov. Ted Strickland. Her appointment was made permanent last month.

[Cities strike deal on steel expansion](#) (Warren Tribune Chronicle, Oct. 8, 2009) Teams for the city and Girard came to an agreement either late Wednesday or early Thursday to transfer 191 acres of land from Girard to Youngstown for the proposed V&M Star Steel expansion project.

[Editorial: Choices for Summit County](#) (Akron Beacon Journal, Oct. 9, 2009) A jobless recovery means a tax-revenue-less recovery, as county officials are discovering. Summit County's general fund revenue projection for next year is now \$99.7 million, down from \$100.5 million for this year and \$111.6 million received in 2008.

[Ohio keeps No. 4 ranking for biotech strength in Business Facilities magazine list](#) (Med City News, Oct. 10, 2009) Ohio kept its No. 4 ranking for the strength of its biotechnology industry in Business Facilities magazine's annual list, partly because of continued investments by Ohio Third Frontier, according to BioOhio, the state's bioscience development organization.

[Downtown district seeks property owners renewal](#) (The Plain Dealer, Oct. 11, 2009) As downtown property owners evaluate a program that has put cleaning crews and safety escorts on Cleveland's

streets, they're asking for more for their money -- in the form of new businesses and more bustle along Euclid Avenue.

[Why GE's jet engine matters](#) (Cincinnati Enquirer, Oct. 11, 2009) The high-stakes battle over GE Aviation's engine for the military's Joint Strike Fighter jet revolves around cost and competition in the halls of Congress. But at the jet-engine maker's Evendale headquarters, it's all about securing 1,000 jobs.

[Industrial manufacturer opens new facility in city](#) (Tallmadge Express, Oct. 11, 2009) Industrial Tube and Steel, a company with longtime roots in Akron, recently moved and opened a new larger facility in Tallmadge's Crystal Parkway. The company closed its doors in Akron and brought its 37 employees to Tallmadge in August.

[Recession has stalled transportation-sector growth locally](#) (Columbus Dispatch, Oct. 11, 2009) When the economy slows, fewer goods are shipped. And when fewer goods are shipped, the unused vehicles and containers sit and wait.

[New sports arena gives Toledo a trifecta](#) (Toledo Blade, Oct. 12, 2009) The county has found a way to build two spectacular public buildings, each architecturally special, in the span of 10 years or less - Fifth Third Field and the new Lucas County Arena.

[Could Issue 6 reform help Cuyahoga County's economy?](#) (The Plain Dealer, Oct. 12, 2009) Issue 6 -- one of two competing reform issues on November's ballot -- not only would restructure Cuyahoga County government, it would also mandate a focus on creating jobs.

[Economic development growing in Belmont County](#) (WTOV9, Oct. 12, 2009) Despite the sluggish economy, the Belmont County Port Authority managed to find \$750,000 in grant money to help develop 200 acres of land.

[Tribe wants Ohio mound protected from wind farm](#) (Dayton Daily News, Oct. 12, 2009) An Indian tribe says plans to build a commercial wind farm in western Ohio pose a threat to an ancient burial mound and the state should put a barrier around it to keep it from being disturbed.

[Longaberger bringing back 50 employees](#) (Columbus Business First, Oct. 12, 2009) The Newark-based basket and home products manufacturer and retailer said Monday that it is recalling 50 basket makers to its Frazeyburg facility this week. The move,

the company said, is in response to a better-than-expected sales of new baskets.

[County hopes public will plug in to new site](#) (The Delaware Gazette, Oct. 12, 2009) In years past, the Delaware County government has held a swath of public meetings countywide in order to get citizen input for its strategic planning. Hoping it will prove to be more convenient, a Delaware County economic development agency is planning to recreate the town hall experience, minus the town hall.

[TechSolve and Ohio Aerospace Institute partner to advance aerospace in Ohio](#) (Sys-Con Media, Oct. 12, 2009) TechSolve and OAI will collaborate to serve the needs of the Ohio aerospace community. This strategic alliance will bring together experts in aerospace to deliver new services in research and technology, design and manufacturing and to drive regional manufacturers toward more globally competitive solutions.

[Cleveland State University, other public colleges crowded this year](#) (The Plain Dealer, Oct. 12, 2009) The Northeast Ohio Council on Higher Education reports that the number of students taking public and private college courses in the region has grown by about 10 percent since last year.

[With economy in the dumps, landfill agency wants cash and trash](#) (Columbus Dispatch, Oct. 12, 2009) Canal Winchester hosts a Waste Management transfer station for trash on its way to the company's landfill in Perry County. The village fears forcing Waste Management to dump at SWACO's landfill would cost it and its 6,600 residents about \$800,000 a year in lost collection discounts, fees from the transfer station and income taxes from its employees.

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