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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: What Can Pull Cleveland Off Its Deathbed?](#)

(The Plain Dealer, October 28, 2008)
Cleveland is changing under our feet. Some days it feels like a giant sinkhole. Few institutions, including this newspaper, are going unscathed. We must reinvent or die.

[Youngstown State Breaks Ground for New Business School](#)

(Youngstown Vindicator, October 28, 2008) The project is the largest in YSU's 100-year history and will provide cutting-edge classroom and laboratory facilities for the college's 1,950 students and provide a stronger link between the university and the downtown business district.

[Taskforce Tries to Redefine Poverty](#)

(Bucyrus Telegraph, October 28, 2008) Under federal guidelines, 13.1 percent of Ohio residents were living in poverty in 2007, with an income of \$17,600 for a family of three. That figure might be closer to 25 to 30 percent, if a more realistic measurement was used.

[Parma Gets Grant to Study Regional Dispatch Service](#)

(The Plain Dealer, October 29, 2008) City officials will receive a \$1 million grant to launch a feasibility study for establishing a regional emergency safety dispatch service which some think could lead to collaboration in other areas.

[Editorial: How This Time Will Cleveland Face](#)

[**Diversity**](#) (The Plain Dealer, October 30, 2008) Bruised and battered by a loss of jobs and population, Cleveland is facing its worst crisis since the dark days of default. Survival will require strategic thinking.

[**Governor of Ohio, 5 Other States Seeks Bailout for Auto Industry**](#) (Dayton Daily News, October 30, 2008) Ohio Gov. Ted Strickland has joined with five other governors to urge the Treasury and the Federal Reserve to help American automakers.

[**Rapidly Expanding Ohio Bioscience Industry Drives New Workforce Training Program**](#) (IT News Online, October 30, 2008) Skilled Northeast Ohio workers who once made cars and other consumer products are being leveraged by Ohio's growing bioscience industry to make pills, drugs packaging and medical devices.

[**Chancellor: We're Down to the "Nitty Gritty" of Higher Education Plan**](#) (Dayton Daily News, October 31, 2008) Released March 31, the plan details strategies for public colleges and universities to increase Ohio's educational attainment as a way to help stimulate the state's economy.

[**Editorial: Natural Gas is Central to Area's Future**](#) (Toledo Blade, October 30, 2008) When competing in a world-wide economy for economic development and the creation of jobs, a state-of-the-art infrastructure is vital to Ohio.

[**Economy Halts \\$500M Liberty Project**](#) (Cincinnati Enquirer, October 31, 2008) Developers say the economy has forced them to halt a 110 acre development project in Liberty Township.

[**Want to Farm in Cincinnati**](#) (Cincinnati Enquirer, November 3, 2008) Cincinnati might offer cheap plots of land to anyone who promises to farm it.

[**Cleveland Considers Waving Taxes on Stock Option to Attract Companies**](#) (The Plain Dealer, November 2, 2008) Talks between business leaders and Cleveland officials might result in lower taxes for corporate executives - a change that supporters say would help bring and retain companies here.

[**Ohio establishes global centre for online medical education**](#) (British Journal of Healthcare Computing, November 2, 2008) The University System of Ohio is aiming to be a global hub for online medical education and videoconferencing following a decision to fund the creation of a resource centre in Columbus, Ohio.

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