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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.

[Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority board hires interim CEO, fires four managers](#)

(The Plain Dealer, Dec. 1, 2009) The governing board of the Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority today laid off four employees and hired the former head of National City Bank to run the agency until a new president and CEO can be found.

[Report: Immigrants help local economy](#) (Cincinnati Enquirer, Dec. 1, 2009) here may be debate over whether Greater Cincinnati is immigrant-friendly but a study released this week made one thing clear: foreign-born residents are good for Cincinnati's economy.

[Bad sign for Central Ohio economy: Construction contracts plummet](#)

(Columbus Dispatch, Dec. 1, 2009) Central Ohio's tentative steps toward an economic recovery reversed course in October, judging by data released yesterday by McGraw-Hill Construction.

[MedCentral school done in by economy](#) (Mansfield News Journal, Dec. 1, 2009) The troubling economic climate of north central Ohio was the culprit when MedCentral Health System scrapped its plans for a College of Nursing facility last month.

[Ohio economy changes little](#) (Akron Beacon Journal, Dec. 2, 2009) Ohio's economy remains sluggish and a recovery remains fragile, according to the latest informal survey of business conditions by the Federal Reserve.

[Economic development experts weigh in on jobs](#)

(Akron Beacon Journal, Dec. 2, 2009) Here are responses of various Northeast Ohio economic development experts to the question: How do we create new jobs in America?

[Editorial: Ohioans need to demand new budget plan](#) (Zanesville Times Recorder, Dec. 4, 2009) It's appearing more likely that a financial meltdown will be coming soon to your local city hall, school board office and the Ohio Statehouse, although the latter can look in the mirror for much of the blame.

[Warren grad brings business home](#) (Warren Tribune, Dec. 4, 2009) Local officials are hoping a new manufacturing warehouse on the city's southwest side will lead to more development there and the surrounding area.

[Economic Development releases 2010 Plan](#) (Van Wert Times Bulletin, Dec. 5, 2009) The OSU Extension Economic Development Advisory Group met with local and state officials and members of the public to share the 2010 Action Plan for Van Wert County.

[Editorial: Ohio leaders are wasting a crisis](#) (Cincinnati Enquirer, Dec. 6, 2009) This once-in-a-generation fiscal crisis ought to give elected officials a sense of true urgency - and the leverage to make entrenched interests give up wasteful programs and practices that they'd never be able to touch in better economic times.

[Invasive species imperils health of Great Lakes, regional economy](#) (Toledo Blade, Dec. 6, 2009) Rarely have five days in Chicago affected the Toledo area so much. At stake is whether one of North America's most feared invasives will colonize the Great Lakes, thereby imperiling the region's \$7 billion fishery.

[Economic development: How far along is the area and how can the state help?](#) (News Herald, Dec. 6, 2009) Broaching the topic of economic development to local politicians, entrepreneurs and others is like making sense out of survey results.

[Modifying home loans a slow process](#) (Dayton Daily News, Dec. 6, 2009) Record breaking home foreclosure filings and delinquency rates show that of 1.478 million loans serviced statewide, 15.3 percent or 226,140, are in foreclosure or have payments that are past due.

[The future of Licking County's community capitalism being debated](#) (Newark Advocate, Dec. 6,

2009) Community capitalism, the grassroots effort to improve life in Licking County, might end soon, but its work and spirit continues in other groups and individuals.

Casino, convention center, med mart, other downtown projects need something to succeed - more people (The Plain Dealer, Dec. 6, 2009) But big boxes attracting hundreds of thousands of visitors, including a \$600 million casino and a \$475 million convention center/medical mart, won't revive downtown -- unless they mesh with efforts to draw more residents and businesses.

Destination Toledo invites nation to meet in Toledo (13abc.com, Dec. 7, 2009) Destination Toledo Inc., the region's Convention and Visitor's Bureau today announced a national marketing effort to influence meeting and tradeshow executives to think Toledo when planning for a meeting, tradeshow or special event. The campaign will begin in December and run throughout 2010.

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