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Lt. Governor Fisher, OAQDA Unveil Application Process for \$150 Million Advanced Energy Job Stimulus

Funds allocated for clean coal, renewable and other advanced energy technologies

(Columbus) Lt. Governor Lee Fisher and The Ohio Air Quality Development Authority (OAQDA) today unveiled the process that Ohio businesses and technology organizations must follow to apply for \$150 million in funding from the Advanced Energy Job Stimulus program, created as part of the bipartisan Job Stimulus package approved in June.

“Advanced energy technologies hold potential for thousands of new jobs in our state,” Governor Ted Strickland said. “The Advanced Energy Job Stimulus program will ensure Ohio makes strategic investments in this high growth sector of our economy. “

The Program includes \$66 million for clean coal technology projects, to be administered through OAQDA’s Ohio Coal Development Office. An additional \$84 million, to be allocated in three \$28 million annual appropriations, will be available for non-coal-related projects. OAQDA will administer this portion of the funds in a process that includes internal and external reviewers, the Development Finance Advisory Council, and ultimately the State Controlling Board.

“We seek to use the financial leverage of the Advanced Energy Job Stimulus to build on Ohio’s industrial strengths in ways that will quickly stimulate our energy industry,” said Lieutenant Governor Lee Fisher, who also serves as Director of the Ohio Department of Development. “We will be looking for projects that are on a fast track toward commercialization, can attract additional investment, and will prepare Ohio workers for the jobs of the future.”

Mark R. Shanahan, OAQDA executive director and energy advisor to Governor Strickland, also unveiled the new website for the Advanced Energy Job Stimulus program at www.ohioairquality.org/advanced_energy_program/

Interested parties can review the site between now and the formal start-up of the application process on November 7. On that day, OAQDA will host a workshop for

potential applicants to explain the process in detail and answer questions. The workshop will also be available via live webcast.

Shanahan said the workshop will be held at the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Assembly Center in Building E at 2045 Morse Road from 3 to 5 p.m. on November 7th.

“We put this program together following a series of stakeholder meetings around the state earlier this year. The process was open, inclusive, collaborative, and entirely transparent. That same transparency is evident in the web-based application process and subsequent follow-up work, which will be accessible to anyone who visits the site,” Shanahan said.

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The Ohio Air Quality Development Authority is a non-regulatory government agency created to help Ohio businesses comply with clean air regulations. Through its Ohio Coal Development Office, OAQDA also oversees the State of Ohio’s coal research, development, and technology deployment efforts. Since its creation in 1970, the Authority has provided technical and financial help to hundreds of large and small Ohio businesses, awarding more than \$4 billion to finance air quality projects. For more information about OAQDA and its services, please visit its web site, at www.ohioairquality.org.