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Taft Tours Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center

WOOSTER, OH. (December 6, 2004) – Governor Bob Taft today joined State Development Director Bruce Johnson and Agriculture Director Fred Dailey for a tour of the Ohio Agricultural Research And Development Center in Wooster. The tour demonstrated how technology and agriculture combine to help drive Ohio's economy. While there, Taft awarded the OARDC a \$1.5 million Third Frontier grant to develop a system that turns agricultural waste into electricity.

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Job Creation Tax Credits Approved for Business Expansion Projects to Create 527 Jobs for Ohioans

COLUMBUS (December 6, 2004) – Governor Bob Taft today announced that the Ohio Tax Credit Authority has approved Job Creation Tax Credits for nine companies involved in business location or expansion projects that if located in Ohio, are expected to create 527 jobs and maintain or retain 1,148 positions.

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Ohio Organizations Bringing Revolutionary Ideas to Market

DAYTON (December 6, 2004) – Governor Bob Taft today praised several Ohio organizations for their efforts in turning research and technology into marketable products. Taft made the comments while at the University of Dayton where he awarded more than \$10 million in Third Frontier Wright Project Awards to **nine** organizations throughout Ohio that will use the money to develop commercially viable technology.

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Taft Announces Appointments

COLUMBUS (December 3, 2004) – Governor Bob Taft today announced appointments to the Accountancy Board; Ohio Advisory Council for the Aging; Environmental Education Council; Clark State Community College Board of Trustees; Labor-Management Advisory Committee; and Owens State Community College Board of Trustees.

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Governor Taft Presides Over Kick-Off Meeting for Great Lakes Restoration

CHICAGO (December 3, 2004) – Governor Bob Taft today presided at a meeting of state, local and federal officials convened to develop a restoration and protection plan for the Great Lakes. The historic Great Lakes Regional Collaboration will bring government officials together with Great Lakes stakeholders to produce a restoration and protection strategy over the next year. The strategy will be based on priorities developed by the Council of Great Lakes Governors, which Taft co-chairs.

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Taft Opens New U.S. Route 35 in Ross

County CHILLICOTHE (December 2, 2004) – Governor



Governor Bob Taft, seated far right, is seen as a heat with an infrared camera on Monday, December 6, at the University of Dayton, during a demonstration of the ca following the presentation of Third Frontier grant money was awarded to the university. At the event, Taft awarded more than \$10 million in Third Frontier Wright Project Awards to nine organizations throughout Ohio that will use the money to develop commercially viable technology. (Photo by Cf Kasson / Office of the Governor)

LINKS TO STATE AGENCIES AND BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

[Appalachian Regional Commission](#)

Governor Taft was recently named the 2005 States' C of the [Appalachian Regional Commission](#), effective J: 2005. In this new capacity, Taft will represent and wo with the Commission to sustain community and econ development and increase federal funding in the App: Region. The [Governor's Office of Appalachia](#) represe interests of the 29 Ohio Appalachian counties in state government.

[2004 Ohio Business and Investment Missi Japan and Taiwan](#)

Governor Taft led a delegation of 71 representatives 1 Ohio companies and organizations on the [2004 Ohio and Investment Mission to Japan and Taiwan](#) from Se 24 - October 3, 2004. The Mission was Governor Taft international business mission and the second time h a delegation to Japan.

[Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Com Initiatives](#)

Governor Taft's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives hosted its first Promising Partnerships Conf Columbus on October 27, 2004. The Office's website information on the office, events and grant opportuniti

Bob Taft today celebrated the completion of the final project to widen U.S. Route 35 in southern Ohio with ODOT representatives, area elected officials and Ross County residents.

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[Great Lakes Annex](#)

Governor Taft, representing the eight Great Lakes and the premiers of Ontario and Quebec, announced a 90-day public review period for agreements that update the way the Great Lakes and the waters of the Lakes Basin are managed and protected. The draft measures are the result of three years of efforts by a state/provincial Water Management Working Group to address Great Lakes Basin protection issues ranging from water consumption to diversion. The draft documents are available at www.ohiodnr.com.

[Ohio Access 2004](#)

Governor Taft has released Ohio Access 2004, an updated version of the state's strategic plan to improve long-term services and supports for people with disabilities. Its report provides details about the plan and the Ohio Access Report.

[The Jobs Agenda](#)

Governor Taft focused his 2004 State of the State address on job creation. "We are battling for our economic survival. Our New Year's resolution is to spend every day doing all we can to help create jobs for Ohioans," said Taft.

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