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Columbus Area Auto Body Shop Receives \$105,000 from OAQDA to Reduce Emissions, Save Energy

Dent Magic to Install New Paint Booth to Serve More Customers

COLUMBUS – A Columbus area automotive paint and body repair shop seeking to reduce emissions and save energy was approved to receive \$105,000 in air quality revenue bond financing from the Clean Air Resource Center by the Ohio Air Quality Development Authority at the agency's January meeting.

Dent Magic, located at 4651 Poth Rd., plans to use the funds to install a new paint booth to increase capacity. The new, larger paint booth will enable the Dent Magic paint teams to spray repaired vehicles and their disassembled parts together in one cycle rather than in two separate cycles, thanks to the larger cabin size. The new booth features many technology upgrades that improve energy consumption and filtered air quality.

According to David Miller, president of Dent Magic, the heating unit for the booth includes an upgrade from the current 1 MMBtu to a 1.433 MMBtu system. The heating system will include an exhaust system known as a variable frequency drive. This drive combined with the air foil design of the paint booth delivers higher performance with less horsepower and energy consumption.

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“The OAQDA funding will help us grow our business and create three to five new full time jobs. By being able to purchase this new, state of the art paint booth we think we believe we can double the number of vehicles we service each month, making us more valuable to the community and to our customers,” Miller said.

Dent Magic provides auto body work for individuals as well as for approximately 80 Central Ohio auto dealers and a large automobile rental company, Miller said. He added that the new paint booth allows Dent Magic to handle two cars at a time with faster drying time, therefore improving the efficiency and turn-around time of jobs for customers.

“This paint booth project financing for Dent Magic is an outstanding example of how the Clean Air Resource Center program of OAQDA to preserve and protect air quality while benefitting the company’s bottom line,” Chadwick Smith, OAQDA executive director, said.

Miller added that the funding helps Dent Magic provide clean air benefits to customers and the people who live and work near the Whitehall shop.

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The Ohio Air Quality Development Authority (OAQDA) is a non-regulatory government agency created to help Ohio businesses comply with clean air regulations. Since its creation in 1970, the Authority has provided technical and financial help to hundreds of large and small Ohio businesses, awarding more than \$8 billion to finance air quality projects. For more information about OAQDA and its services, please visit its web site at www.ohioairquality.org.