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**OAQDA Closes on \$2.5 Million Financing for Energy Efficiency, Conservation Projects
at Two State Office Buildings**

Retrofits to cut annual utility bills by 21 percent, reduce air emissions

Columbus – The Lausche State Office Building in Cleveland and the Ocasek State Office Building in Akron were approved for financing for the installation of new energy efficiency and conservation systems by the Ohio Air Quality Development Authority (OAQDA) at its July meeting. OAQDA authorized issuance of up to \$2.5 million in Air Quality Development Revenue Bonds to finance the projects.

The OAQDA financing will assist Johnson Controls, an energy management and solutions company, and the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission acting on behalf of the Department of Administrative Services, with the installation of a broad range of energy system retrofits at the facility. These retrofits include LED lighting retrofits, water conservation measures, and direct digital control systems for enhanced energy management at the facilities.

The 15-story Lausche State Office Building, named in honor of Frank J. Lausche who was a five-time Ohio governor and was twice elected as a U.S. Senator from Ohio, was completed in 1979. It is the workplace of approximately 1,300 state employees and includes the headquarters of the Ohio Lottery Commission.

The five-story Ocasek State Office Building was completed in 1984 and was named in honor of Oliver R. Ocasek, a former state senator and president of the Ohio Senate. It provides office space for approximately 500 state, county and city employees.

The current annual energy bill for these two state office complexes is \$809,807. The proposed energy conservation project would reduce utility and operational costs by \$172,806 annually, or about 21 percent. The project will yield air quality benefits in the form of avoided hazardous air emissions of 1,115 metric tons of carbon dioxide, 12 metric tons of sulfur dioxide and 4 metric tons of nitrogen oxide. The carbon and nitrogen reductions are the equivalent of removing 101 automobiles from the road.

“This project is part of OAQDA’s continuing efforts to help Ohio’s state and local governments and public universities in cutting their utility costs, conserving energy and reducing the emission of hazardous substances into our environment. It also enables OAQDA to further its core mission of fostering and preserving clean air in Ohio,” said Chadwick Smith, OAQDA executive director.

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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.