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Celina Business Approved for Clean Air Facility Financing from OAQDA
Tractor Trailer Repair Business to Reduce Emissions, Improve Air Quality

COLUMBUS – A Mercer County tractor trailer repair garage received approval for financing of equipment by the Ohio Air Quality Development Authority (OAQDA) at its October meeting to help the business become a clean air facility.

Wabash Garage, a Celina business established in 1968, was approved for \$180,000 from the Clean Air Resource Center (CARC) program to purchase and install a new crossdraft pressurized paint booth to paint the large vehicles they repair.

“This financing through OAQDA is important to our business because it will allow us to serve our customers more efficiently while providing better air quality for our employees and customers in the garage,” Bill Lennartz, owner of Wabash Garage, said.

“OAQDA’s CARC program provides financial assistance to companies like Wabash Garage in meeting pollution requirements. CARC funds are available to finance the purchase of pollution control or prevention equipment. The Wabash Garage project is an excellent example of the type of financing OAQDA and the State of Ohio offer to small businesses through the CARC program to support OAQDA’s 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.