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**OAQDA Closes on \$80,000 in Clean Air Bond Financing with
Roto Group, a Dublin-based Design Company**

COLUMBUS – A creative, interdisciplinary design firm that specializes in museum exhibits and interactive displays has received \$80,000 in bond financing through the Ohio Air Quality Development Authority (OAQDA), as well as grant assistance for up to \$24,000. OAQDA approved the bond financing in its July 9 meeting and issued the bonds on November 6.

Roto Group is a small business with 76 employees located at 7001 Discovery Blvd., Dublin, OH and creates exhibits for science centers, children’s museums and collecting museum markets. As a result of the financial assistance from OAQDA, Roto Group will purchase and install a new paint booth that will enhance their production capability while controlling air contaminants from the operation.

“OAQDA is pleased to work with a diverse range of small businesses to help them achieve both their environmental and economic goals. It’s exciting to share in the success of Roto Group as they grow their business in Ohio with the use of this air quality control technology and be able to serve customers all over the world, ” Christina O’Keeffe, OAQDA executive director, said.

Roto serves a broad range of related market sectors representing an enormous diversity of cultural, learning, and leisure destinations. Among notable projects in which the Roto Group has been involved are: the Heart of Africa exhibit at the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium; Ohio Statehouse Museum; Toledo Zoo and Aquarium; Science Museum of Virginia; Perot Museum of Nature and Science, Dallas; Lincoln Children’s Zoo; and, High Museum of Art, Atlanta.

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“As a result of this project, Roto will see significant increase in internal capabilities to perform finishing work for our custom-made exhibit and interactive structures. We will be able to reduce our reliance on external subcontractors and improve the quality of the working environment through the ability to control air contaminants. We are grateful for the support of the OAQDA which allowed us to proceed with this exciting upgrade in our production abilities to continue to deliver on the promise to create “awesome” for our clients,” Maurice Twomey, chief financial officer of Roto Group, said.

Roto will purchase the new paint booth at its Dublin facility to enhance the production capabilities for its customers while improving air quality for employees and the environment through controlling air contaminants.

“It’s gratifying to see local businesses like Roto Group taking action to protect the work environment for employees and make clean air a priority,” State Sen. Stephanie Kunze, (R-Hilliard), said.

“Roto Group is certainly an excellent example of a local business that is utilizing innovative methods to protect our air while leveraging economic growth opportunities,” State Rep. Beth Liston, (D-Dublin), said.

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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.