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### **Columbus-based Commercial Coatings Business Plans Pickaway County Expansion with Assistance from OAQDA for Equipment to Reduce Emissions**

COLUMBUS – FORJAK Industrial, which is a commercial coatings business that specializes in new construction and repainting, is expanding its operations with a new industrial blasting and coatings plant and creating 30 jobs in Circleville. The company is approved to receive up to \$350,000 in financing for clean air equipment by the Ohio Air Quality Development Authority (OAQDA).

“As our business has grown and expanded, we need additional capacity to continue providing our customers with the best service possible. This financing from OAQDA will allow us to install a new blasting booth for the expansion of in-house blasting and painting operations at our new Circleville facility and to add employees as our production increases,” Matt Palmisciano, CEO of FORJAK Industrial, said.

FORJAK, established in 2001, provides paint coatings and general maintenance for commercial and industrial businesses. The new plant location at 544 Clinton St., Circleville, will feature new, blasting equipment to control hazardous emissions that will protect their workforce and the environment.

“FORJAK Industrial is setting an example for manufacturing companies by ensuring a safe, clean environment for its employees and for the surrounding community. We are delighted that they have selected Circleville to expand their operations,” State Rep. Ron Hood (R-Ashville), said.

FORJAK works with large, globally-owned corporations throughout the U.S., focusing on commercial coatings and concrete restoration. The company developed a patented system utilizing technology for applying consistent coatings for commercial painting.

Palmisciano said they plan to purchase the new blasting equipment with financing through the OAQDA's Clean Air Resource Center (CARC) program. The blasting room will feature filters that capture toxic dust from older coatings during the blasting process and reduce hazardous emissions.

“OAQDA is pleased to partner with FORJAK Industrial as the company expands its business with a focus on preserving clean air in the state,” Christina O’Keeffe, OAQDA executive director, said. “This project is a wonderful example of how CARC funding helps small businesses grow their operations while reducing harmful emissions in their operations.”

The CARC program helps small businesses in Ohio comply with state and federal clean air regulations by providing funds to qualified businesses that meet certain emission requirements and have fewer than 100 employees. Examples of businesses utilizing CARC funds to purchase pollution control equipment include dry cleaners, small manufacturers, auto body shops and others.

As a result of this new plant in Circleville, the company will add 10 employees over the next three years to operate the blasting booth and another 20 employees related to a new coating booth they plan to add in 2019.

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](http://www.ohioairquality.org).