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**Four Ohio Businesses Approved for a Total of up to \$1.6 Million in Financing from  
OAQDA**

COLUMBUS – The Ohio Air Quality Development Authority (OAQDA) today approved clean air financing for one large Cincinnati area business and three small companies in three different counties in Ohio to help the businesses become more energy efficient while preserving the quality of the State’s air.

“OAQDA offers a variety of financing opportunities to Ohio businesses seeking to become clean air facilities. The four projects approved today illustrate the scope and range of businesses we can serve to protect the air we breathe, while advancing economic opportunities in many communities throughout Ohio,” Christina O’Keeffe, OAQDA Executive Director, said.

Gardner-Kline Investment Co. LLC (doing business as Gardner Business Media), 6915 Valley Ave., Cincinnati, received approval for up to \$1.2 million for energy efficiency improvements and solar electric technologies at the company’s 28,000 square foot headquarters. These improvements are part of a \$2 million building renovation project. The company was founded in 1928 and is a publisher for the manufacturing industry.

In addition, Carstar of Amelia, Holtz Industries of Newark and Clifton Cleaners of Cleveland were approved for a total of up to \$432,728 from the Clean Air Resource Center (CARC).

CARC provides funding to qualified small businesses that emit less than 75 tons of all regulated pollutants and less than 50 tons of any single regulated pollutant annually and have fewer than 100 employees.

Carstar of Amelia, 100 E. Main St., Amelia, will use up to \$213,000 in financing from CARC to add a new, energy efficient paint booth that will preserve the environment by reducing emissions in the body shop.

Holtz Industries, a manufacturer of replacement parts for the refuse industry located at 200 S. Terrace Ct., Newark, was approved for up to \$160,000 for the purchase and installation of a new industrial paint booth for a body mounting operation for refuse vehicles.

Clifton Cleaners, Inc., 11034 Clifton Blvd., Cleveland, received financing approval for up to \$60,000 from CARC. The business, established in 1954, plans to purchase new cleaning equipment that will help the business reduce hazardous emissions while providing high quality cleaning service to customers.

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