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Lucas County Auto Dealership Approved for Clean Air Financing by OAQDA
Kistler Ford Plans Body Shop Expansion

COLUMBUS – The Ohio Air Quality Development Authority (OAQDA) approved up to \$260,000 in financing for three new paint booths for a Toledo automobile dealer at its June meeting.

The new paint booths are part of a major expansion project in the body and paint repair operation at Kistler Ford, 5555 W. Central Ave., Toledo. Financing through the Clean Air Resource Center (CARC), a program of OAQDA, will make the paint process more energy efficient, allow the dealership to better utilize water-based paints and control emissions.

“This new equipment is a key part of our expansion project and will allow us to improve the productivity of the body shop by boosting the drying time, minimize operation time and reduce energy costs,” Bobby Jorgensen, owner of the dealership, said.

The new system speeds the paint drying process by creating controlled airflow on the surface of each vehicle and allowing the booths to act similarly to a convection oven. In addition, the system will increase energy efficiency and improve the quality of the final finish of vehicles.

Jorgensen added that the three booths are equipped with technology that reduces energy consumption.

“It is great to see Kistler Ford expanding and installing state of the art technology to become more energy efficient,” State Rep. Derek Merrin, (R- Monclova Township), said.

“The Clean Air Resource Center provides financing to businesses like Kistler Ford to help them purchase pollution control or prevention equipment like these three paint booths that helps preserve clean air in Ohio,” Chadwick Smith, OAQDA executive director, said.

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.