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**OAQDA Approves \$273,500 in Financing for Three Small Businesses to
Improve Air Quality**

COLUMBUS – Three small businesses in northeast and southwest Ohio will help preserve the State’s clean air resource as a result of financing approval they received from the Ohio Air Quality Development Authority (OAQDA) at the agency’s December meeting.

Stu’s Dry Cleaners of Brunswick, Trimbach’s Body Shop of Tipp City, and White Swan Cleaners of Tallmadge were approved for a total of up to \$273,500 from the Clean Air Resource Center (CARC).

“We are delighted to provide financial resources to Ohio small businesses to help them protect the air we all breathe while implementing the best business practices for their customers,” Christina O’Keeffe, OAQDA Executive Director, said.

CARC provides funding to qualified 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.

Stu’s Dry Cleaners, 1413 Pearl Rd., Brunswick, was established in 1968 and has been at its current location since 1970. The business, which has seven employees, received financing approval for up to \$46,834 from the Clean Air Resource Center (CARC) for new dry cleaning equipment to improve air quality and eliminate hazardous waste.

Trimbach’s Body Shop, 4380 Gibson Dr., Tipp City, will use up to \$97,832 in financing from OAQDA through CARC to meet its goal of becoming a clean air facility by adding a new, energy efficient paint booth that will increase productivity in the shop by allowing the paint teams to spray repaired vehicles and disassembled parts together in one cycle.

White Swan Cleaners, 214 West Ave., Tallmadge, received financing approval for up to \$128,841 from CARC. The company, a fifth generation family-owned business with 35 employees serving four Cleveland/Akron area counties, plans to purchase new wet cleaning equipment that will help the business become a clean air facility.

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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