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WIDENER ANNOUNCES 100 NEW AND RETAINED JOBS

LOCAL MARKET GROWTH INITIATIVES SPEED ECONOMIC RECOVERY

COLUMBUS—State Senator Chris Widener (R- Springfield) today announced that the state Development Financing Advisory Council (DFAC) has approved the release of \$7.8 million to seepex Inc. (SI) for the construction of an additional 63,000 square feet to the existing Enon facility and the purchase of machinery and equipment to streamline and expedite the manufacturing process.

SI designs, manufactures, sells and services progressive cavity screw pumps, which move viscous products, such as yogurt, waste water sludge and crude oil. SI has committed to create 38 new, full-time jobs with average hourly wages of \$17.21 and will retain an additional 69 full-time jobs as a result of the project.

The company will be responsible for a contribution of \$930,000, for a total investment of \$8.7 million. The project will allow SI to maintain its high level of customer service and speed through on-site development and testing, and expanding will help to keep pace with annual growth.

“The workforce in Clark County is second to none, enabling local companies like seepex to focus on expansion locally and market growth,” said Widener, who is also a member of DFAC. “Economic recovery is tough, but job-creators like seepex are helping our community get back to work.”

Additionally, at the State Controlling Board, supplementary funding was approved to begin the construction of safety upgrades at Central State University and roadwork development at the former International Lagonda Assembly Plant site.

Central State University was granted the release of \$266,000 to Starco Inc. in Dayton to begin construction that will restore compliance and adherence to life-safety, health, and building codes in Wesley Hall and for the entire campus security system. In a prior Controlling Board meeting, funds were released to finish the project’s design process.

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Senator Chris Widener serves the people of the 10th Senate District, which includes Clark, Greene and Madison counties. He is chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, and a member of the Senate Ways & Means & Economic Development, Government Oversight & Reform, and Rules & Reference committees.