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WIDENER ANNOUNCES 985 JOBS CREATED STATEWIDE

DEVELOPMENT FUNDING WILL ALSO SAVE 579 JOBS THROUGHOUT OHIO

COLUMBUS—State Senator Chris Widener (R- Springfield) today announced that the state Development Financing Advisory Council (DFAC) has approved economic development loans and assistance to a total of five companies across Ohio that have committed to creating 985 new jobs and retaining an additional 579 positions.

“Jobs created as a result of the public-private partnerships in Ohio continue to show great results across the state, as evidenced by the recent drop in unemployment to 8.1%,” said Widener. “Many Ohioans are still struggling to make ends meet, however projects like this go a long way towards creating opportunities for working families.”

These companies will invest over \$16.3 million of private capital in addition to the \$15.1 million committed by the Ohio Department of Development in the form of loans and other assistance. Projects approved by DFAC require final authorization from the State Controlling Board, of which Senator Widener is a member. Projects approved by DFAC include:

- 7 new jobs created and 21 jobs retained in the software development and IT industry.
- 800 new jobs created and 200 jobs retained in the professional services industry.
- 178 new jobs created and 358 jobs retained in the manufacturing industry.

“I firmly believe that projects like these and the other efforts undertaken by the 129th General Assembly will continue to produce positive economic trends and, more importantly, good news for working Ohioans,” Widener said.

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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.