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**WIDENER ANNOUNCES CONTROLLING BOARD  
APPROVAL OF NEW JOBS FOR THE REGION**

*COMPANY EXPANSION WILL BRING HIGH-TECH, HIGH-PAYING JOBS TO THE AREA*

*COLUMBUS*—State Senator Chris Widener (R—Springfield) today announced that the State Controlling Board has approved the release of \$40,000 to Systran Corporation for costs associated with the acquisition of new machinery and equipment in support of their work in Fairborn. This investment will lead to the creation of 15 engineering and technical jobs with an average hourly wage of \$36.

“I am very excited about projects like this that bring high-paying jobs to the community and economic growth to the state,” said Widener, who is also a member of the Controlling Board. “Investments like this are key to building both a well trained workforce and creating opportunities to utilize that workforce.

Systran is a supplier of high-speed communications products for the military and defense research laboratories. The company was founded in Riverside, Ohio in 1977 and is now headquartered in Fairborn.

Specifically, the \$40,000 will be released from the Legacy Projects line item in the Ohio Department of Development budget. These funds represent 15 percent of the total cost of the machinery and equipment; Systran has pledged to cover the remaining balance of the project. Combined with an investment of \$130,000 in building costs Systran will invest a total of \$383,500 in the region. Last year Systran was approved for a 40 percent, 5-year Job Creation Tax Credit.

Additionally, the Controlling Board approved \$13,500 to be released to Wright State University for digital control boxes for the Oelman Hall heating, ventilation and air conditioning system. This release is part of long-term project to renovate Oelman Hall and is the final stage in updating and integrating its HVAC system.

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*Senator Chris Widener serves the people of the 10<sup>th</sup> 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.*