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**BACON AND HUGHES ANNOUNCE RELEASE OF STATE GRANT IN  
SUPPORT OF SCI'S EXPANSION IN COLUMBUS**

*COLUMBUS*— State Senators Kevin Bacon (R- Village of Minerva Park) and Jim Hughes (R- Columbus) today announced that the state Controlling Board has approved a \$25,000 Rapid Outreach Grant to help purchase new machinery and equipment as part of SCI Engineered Materials, Inc.'s (SCI) expansion project, which is expected to create 50 new jobs and retain 26 others at the company's facility in Columbus.

"This project will allow SCI to create jobs in the growing renewable energy industry while furthering Ohio's reputation as a leader in the research and development of advanced energy technologies," Hughes said.

SCI previously received two grants from the Ohio Third Frontier Program to help commercialize the production of transparent conductive oxide materials that can be used in thin-film solar cells. The funding approved today will help the company add production equipment such as kilns, lathes, grinders and a cold isostatic press in order to meet growing customer demand. SCI has committed to funding the balance of the \$2.6 million in equipment costs.

"I commend SCI for staying in central Ohio as they grow and taking advantage of our region's workforce and manufacturing capabilities, and appreciate the efforts of all those local and company officials in helping to get this project underway," Bacon said.

Established in 1987, SCI produces sputtering targets for the automotive, solar and thin film battery industries.

In addition to the grant approved today, SCI was awarded a \$744,250 state loan by the Controlling Board last year. SCI has also been awarded a five-year Ohio Job Creation Tax Credit.

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