



# Ohio Ranked #1 for New Plants and Expansions in 2009

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**On March 3, 2010, Site Selection Magazine/Conway Data, reported that Ohio was the number one State in the U.S for new plants and expansion in 2009. Governor Strickland was awarded the Governor's Cup for this achievement. This was the fourth year in a row for Ohio to win this award.**

"The Governor's Cup competition and the acknowledgement of the success of cities and regions in Ohio are particularly important to local economic development professionals throughout the State of Ohio," stated J.C. Wallace, Executive Director of the Ohio Economic Development Association. "Ohio's economic developers work on a daily basis with businesses in our communities to help them expand and grow. And we work to attract new businesses to our communities. Recognition of these efforts is an indication that our efforts are bearing fruit. It also speaks to the spirit of cooperation that is prevalent in Ohio. The success of Ohio's economic development efforts is directly attributable to the collaborative efforts of economic development professionals at the local, regional and state levels."

"The OEDA congratulates Governor Strickland, Director Patt-McDaniel, the employees of the Ohio Department of Development and the members of the Ohio Legislature for their leadership in Ohio's economic development efforts and their contributions to improving the State economy," said Mr. Wallace. "These are very difficult economic times for the State and Country but Ohio's economic developers were able to work with many world class companies to locate or expand in the State in 2009 and these projects will help us off-set many of the job losses in the future. Ohio is fortunate to have many internationally competitive companies who will be the future of Ohio's economy."