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### **OAQDA Approves \$10 Million to Support Clean Air Improvements for Five Ohio Businesses**

COLUMBUS – Today, a total of up to \$10.036 million in bond financing for five Ohio businesses was approved by The Ohio Air Quality Development Authority (OAQDA) at its monthly board meeting. The funding will allow the businesses to purchase and install equipment that will reduce emissions and improve air quality in Auglaize, Montgomery, Franklin and Clermont counties.

“By the Authority approving this financing, these Ohio businesses located throughout the state will be able to reduce air pollution and enhance efficiency practices,” said Christina O’Keeffe, executive director, OAQDA “We commend these companies for their efforts to improve air quality while supporting their local economies and communities.”

The projects approved at OAQDA’s March 23, 2020 meeting are as follows:

- **921 Chatham Lane** (Franklin County) is a commercial office building in Columbus, Ohio, that leases office space to professional organizations. The company was approved for up to \$1.35 million in financing to replace the lighting system, HVAC and Building Automation System, as well as install a new solar photovoltaic array. The updated lighting and HVAC systems will reduce the total energy consumption of the building, and the new solar array will generate electricity for on-site consumption, reducing the amount of energy required from the local utility grid.
- **Claypool LLC** (Montgomery County) is the owner and lessor of an office building located at 4130 Linden Ave. in Riverside, Ohio. The project, approved for up to \$1 million in financing, will utilize the Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program in coordination with the Dayton-Montgomery County Port Authority. The project will include replacement of HVAC units, elevator modernization, LED lighting, more efficient windows and roof membrane and installation of a solar electric (PV) system.

- **Clermont Health Realty** (Clermont County) is part of Premier Health Care Management, a family-owned and operated health care provider in operation since 1998. Clermont will use up to \$6 million in OAQDA financing toward construction of a 109,000-square-foot, 113-bed skilled nursing facility providing rehabilitation and assisted living spaces. The new facility will include LED lighting, energy efficient windows, a white reflective roof, variable refrigerant flow HVAC, high-efficient domestic hot water system, solar panels and improvements to the insulation. The new nursing facility will employ 150 full-time positions.
- **E's Paint & Body** (Auglaize County) is a family-owned and locally operated garage that has been in the auto body restoration business for more than 25 years. OAQDA will provide up to \$112,800 in financing, along with a small business assistance grant up to \$30,000, for the body shop to replace an old paint booth with a new GARMAT Chinook II semi-down draft spray booth. The new booth includes filters that achieve 99 percent containment of emissions and maintains that efficiency at the airflow, which produces a high-quality paint job. As a result of the project, E's Paint & Body hopes to hire one or two additional full-time employees and improve operations with safer equipment for their employees and the environment.
- **Tomco Machining, Inc.** (Montgomery County), located in Springboro, Ohio, is a manufacturer of precision duct-type and tubular assemblies for the aerospace industry and other specialized industries. The company was approved for up to \$1,900,000 in bond financing from OAQDA to construct a new 24,000-square-foot manufacturing plant complete with energy efficient improvements and an onsite solar PV system that exceeds existing energy codes for new construction.

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*The Ohio Air Quality Development Authority (OAQDA) is a non-regulatory government agency created to help Ohio businesses comply and go beyond clean air regulations. Since its creation in 1970, OAQDA has worked to prevent air pollution throughout the state of Ohio by providing businesses with the resources they need to reduce harmful air emissions and be more energy efficient while creating jobs and boosting local economies. To date, OAQDA has awarded more than \$8 billion to finance air quality projects. For more information about OAQDA and its services, please visit [ohioairquality.org](http://ohioairquality.org).*