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OAQDA Approves up to \$2.85 Million to Support Dayton Project with Energy Savings and Emissions Reduction

COLUMBUS – During this month’s Ohio Air Quality Development Authority (OAQDA) board meeting, the Authority approved two new projects with bond financing totaling up to \$2.85 million to support 130 West 2nd Street, LLC in Dayton as it implements energy efficiency upgrades. The financing is provided through OAQDA’s Clean Air Improvement Program (CAIP), which supports clean air facility improvements statewide by providing financial support through its bond financing and related tax benefits.

“Energy efficiency can be an important tool in community redevelopment efforts, as exemplified by the improvements at this downtown building in Dayton,” said Christina O’Keeffe, executive director of OAQDA. “We are excited to be a part of this process as we work together with local development officials to reduce air emissions and breathe new life into the space.”

Situated in the heart of downtown Dayton, 130 West 2nd Street is part of a 325,000-square-foot, 21-story office tower built in 1972 that is the current home to Daywork 130 coworking office space, Coffee Chamber Café, and Table 33 restaurant and includes amenities such as conference room space and a fitness and recreation center.

“We greatly appreciate the OAQDA's support in bringing these important sustainability updates to our building in the heart of downtown Dayton. We are proud to serve as a beacon for Dayton's downtown revitalization and green energy initiatives,” said Brian Lash, owner of 130 West 2nd Street, LLC.

The building improvements significantly reduce energy costs and air emissions, while employing 25 part-time construction personnel. The energy efficiency measures will include updates to the HVAC system, added condenser water pumps, LED lighting, window tinting and more. These improvements are estimated to provide a total energy cost savings of approximately \$144,997

per year (or 22.7 percent), while keeping 2,912,318 pounds of carbon dioxide out of the air annually.

“The benefits of this redevelopment project are numerous, and I applaud the project leaders and OAQDA for their commitment to ensuring that energy efficiency and clean air are top of mind every step of the way,” said Rep. Willis Blackshear. “I look forward to seeing the completed building and the liveliness it brings to the downtown Dayton area.”

“Investing in environmentally friendly upgrades in the development process is good for business and, therefore, good for the entire Dayton community,” said Sen. Steve Huffman. “This is an exciting project that will enhance Dayton as an ideal place to live, work and play.”

OAQDA is committed to serving the economic and environmental needs of Ohio businesses and communities as they strive to reduce air emissions and achieve greater sustainability goals that protects the air.

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The Ohio Air Quality Development Authority (OAQDA), which is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2021, 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 improve air quality by supporting businesses, creating jobs and improving communities while enhancing the health and safety of all Ohioans. 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.