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Ohio Chamber of Commerce & U.S. Small Business Administration Share “Opportunities in Ohio’s Silicon Heartland” with Local Small Businesses

Intel facilities to bring new chance for small business growth in central Ohio

COLUMBUS, Ohio – Today at its headquarters in Columbus, the Ohio Chamber of Commerce joined with the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) to host an event bringing together small business owners, Intel Corporation officials, and small business resource partners to highlight growth opportunities for local small businesses as Intel builds and opens its new manufacturing facilities in central Ohio. Intel is planning to invest more than \$20 billion in the construction of two new leading-edge chip factories in Ohio to boost production to meet demand for advanced semiconductors.

“The Intel megaproject will not only bring more than 20,000 good-paying jobs to Ohio, but it will also provide enormous opportunity to businesses, communities and families in all corners of the state for generations to come,” said Ohio Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Steve Stivers. “More than 140 existing Ohio businesses across the state are already a part of Intel’s supply chain, and the project is expected to bring additional new businesses to Ohio to support the supply chain.”

“Today SBA was pleased to partner with the Ohio Chamber of Commerce to help local small businesses make meaningful connections to partners and resources that can help them take part in the economic growth fostered by the building of Intel’s plants in central Ohio,” said SBA Columbus District Director Everett M. Woodel, Jr. “We stand ready to serve these small businesses throughout the establishment of Ohio’s silicon heartland.”

During today’s event, small business owners learned about Intel’s investment in Ohio from the corporation’s community engagement, supply chain, diversity and inclusion, and workforce development officials. Attendees also received the details of subcontracting opportunities with Bechtel Corporation, an engineering, procurement, construction, and project management company and Gilbane Building Company, a construction and facility management company. Both companies are engaged in building the new Intel factories.

In addition, the U.S. Small Business Administration’s Columbus District Office, the Ohio Chamber of Commerce, the Small Business Development Center at Columbus State Community College (SBDC), SCORE, the ECDI Women’s Business Center of Central Ohio (WBC), Apex Accelerators (formerly PTACs), the Ohio Minority Supplier Development Council (OMSDC), and the Women’s Business Enterprise National Council (WBENC) were on hand to provide information on how they can help grow small businesses and assist them in attaining contracting certifications. The session also provided small business owners with an opportunity to ask questions of resource partners and network.

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About the Ohio Chamber of Commerce:

As the state's leading business advocate and resource, the Ohio Chamber of Commerce aggressively champions free enterprise, economic competitiveness, and growth for the benefit of all Ohioans. With members ranging from small businesses to international companies, the Ohio Chamber of Commerce represents Ohio's business voice.

About the U.S. Small Business Administration:

The U.S. Small Business Administration helps power the American dream of business ownership. As the only go-to resource and voice for small businesses backed by the strength of the federal government, the SBA empowers entrepreneurs and small business owners with the resources and support they need to start, grow, expand their businesses, or recover from a declared disaster. It delivers services through an extensive network of SBA field offices and partnerships with public and private organizations. To learn more, visit www.sba.gov.