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Media Contact: Penny Martin at (614) 644-8774Penny.Martin@development.ohio.gov**State Helps A.B.B. Leasing Co. Improve Its Energy Efficiency**

To save energy and reduce electricity costs and carbon dioxide emissions, A.B.B. Leasing Co., has secured a loan from the Ohio Development Services Agency's Energy Loan Fund. The low-interest loan will allow A.B.B. Leasing Co., to upgrade old, inefficient interior and exterior lighting at its building on State Street in Zanesville (Muskingum County).

"When we help Ohio companies become more energy efficient, they save money," said David Goodman, director of the Ohio Development Services Agency. "These savings can then be reinvested in the business and local economy."

The company will install high efficiency fluorescent, LED and induction lighting as well as motion sensors so lighting is only used in occupied areas. A.B.B. Leasing Co., anticipates a significant reduction in its annual utility costs, saving close to \$40,000 per year. The building houses Consolidated Storage Solutions, Mattingly Foods Cash & Carry and 45 Degree Logistics.

"The benefits of this lighting upgrade are numerous. Not only will we save energy, the new LED lighting will last much longer, eliminating maintenance cost, and it burns brighter, making our work areas more enjoyable for our employees," said Rusty Deaton, Chief Financial Officer of A.B.B. Leasing Co. "And the rate and terms from the state made the Energy Loan Fund the best choice for financing."

The Energy Loan Fund offers low-interest financing to businesses, manufacturers, public entities and nonprofits for energy efficiency and advanced energy projects. In addition, the Agency reimburses borrowers who close on a loan from the Energy Loan Fund for 50 percent of the cost of an energy audit, which saved A.B.B. Leasing Co., \$10,000. Incentives and rebates from AEP Ohio also helped fund this project.

For more information about the program visit

http://development.ohio.gov/bs/bs_energyloanfund.htm or call (614) 644-8864.

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