

# STATE OF THE REGION CONFERENCE

Wednesday, January 30, 2008

Holiday Inn French Quarter

10630 Fremont Pike

I-75, Exit 193 or Turnpike 80/90, Exit 64/4A

Perrysburg, OH 43551

## CONFERENCE AGENDA

8:00-8:30

**Registration and Continental Breakfast**

8:30-8:45

**Opening Remarks**

Michael C. Carroll, Director of CRD

8:45-9:30

**Keynote Address: "State Perspective on Economic Development: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly"**

C. Robert Sawyer, Regional Director, Chicago Regional Office, Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce

9:30-10:15

**State of Ohio: "Building a Globally Competitive Ohio Brand"**

Ed Burghard, Executive Director, Ohio Business Development Coalition

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10:15-10:30

**Break**

10:30-12:15

**Regional Economy Panel**

**Labor** -- Bruce Baumhower, President, Local 12 United Auto Workers Union

**Housing** -- Dawn Larzelere, Director of Legislative Affairs, Ohio Housing Finance Agency

**Retail** -- Duke Wheeler, Sales Associate, CB Richard Ellis

**Questions and Answers**