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OMEGA has New Home on the Web Posts Report for Public Review

(Cambridge) A new website for the Ohio Mid-Eastern Governments Association (OMEGA) is now online. The new site is designed to provide up-to-date information on federal and state economic and community development grant and loan programs available in the OMEGA region. The website also offers a data center that provides in-depth statistics for the following counties: Belmont, Carroll, Columbiana, Coshocton, Guernsey, Harrison, Holmes, Jefferson, Muskingum, and Tuscarawas. Links to other federal and state agencies are also listed. Meeting dates and featured speaker information will be updated on a regular basis. The new site was launched just in time to post an economic development report for a 30-day comment period. As an economic development agency certified by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration (EDA), OMEGA is required to post all Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) reports for a period of 30 days for comment by the public. CEDS reports are designed to bring together the public and private sectors in the creation of an economic development roadmap to diversify and strengthen regional economies. A new report is produced every three years with an update required each of the two years between new reports. The public comment period will end on Tuesday, February 19, 2013. The final report will be posted on the website and remain until the next required update. The report is also available at the OMEGA office weekdays from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. CD copies are available upon request. The OMEGA office is located at 326 Highland Avenue in Cambridge. For more information, contact Cindi Kerschbaumer at (740) 439-4471, ext. 206 or cindik@omegadistrict.org.

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