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NORTHEAST OHIO REGIONAL ECONOMIC REVENUE STUDY RECEIVES SUPPORT FROM NUMEROUS MUNICIPALITIES

(HUDSON, Ohio) – More than 30 municipalities from Northeast Ohio have contributed financially to the Regional Economic Revenue Study (RERS) in an effort to implement a revenue sharing and land use planning program and bolster economic growth in Northeast Ohio. The study has also received a grant from the Fund for Our Economic Future.

The municipalities that have contributed to the RERS include the City of Akron, City of Ashland, City of Avon Lake, City of Beachwood, Village of Boston Heights, City of Brecksville, Village of Brooklyn Heights, City of Brunswick, City of Canton, City of Chardon, City of Cleveland, City of Eastlake, City of Green, City of Hudson, City of Independence, City of Lakewood, Village of Mayfield, Orange Village, City of Pepper Pike, Village of Reminderville, Village of Richfield, Village of Silver Lake, City of Solon, City of South Euclid, City of Stow, City of University Heights, City of Wadsworth, Village of Walton Hills, City of Westlake, City of Willoughby and City of Youngstown.

“This level of commitment from so many different municipalities shows us that there is a better way to economic development than the current ‘go-it-alone, winner-take-all’ mentality,” said William A. Currin, Chairman for the Northeast Ohio Mayors and City Managers Association (NEOM&CMA). “More importantly, this confirms that local leaders see the need for us to come together as a region and build our future together.”

The RERS is an initiative created to examine existing regional revenue sharing models that have been effective in other regions of the United States. The study will select the best and most applicable aspects of those various regional models and recommend application in Northeast Ohio.

“For too long communities in our region, large and small, have competed with one another, let alone the rest of the world, for economic growth, new employers or jobs and maximum use of resources,” said Currin, who also serves as mayor of Hudson. “This leads to an inefficient and

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competitive environment, where services are duplicated and valuable resources and funds are diminished. Other regions in the nation have utilized proven models of success, and it is critical for Northeast Ohio to actively pursue some type of regional cooperation to compete on a national and international level.”

The Regional Economic Revenue Study is a collaborative effort jointly funded by the Fund for Our Economic Future and contributing members of the NEOM&CMA. Study research leaders also include Cleveland State University College of Urban Affairs, Lorain County Community College Public Services Institute and regionalism expert Myron Orfield’s Ameregis Group of Minneapolis.

For more information regarding the RERS, visit www.revenuestudy.com.

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