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AURP Welcomes Cincinnati, Cleveland, and Columbus, Ohio Innovation Districts

Ohio is a finalist in the EDA's \$1 Billion Build Back Better Regional Challenge

March 15, 2022, Tucson, AZ and Columbus, OH – AURP, the leading nonprofit representing research parks, innovation districts and regional technology clusters, welcomes [Ohio's Innovation Districts](#) in Cincinnati, Cleveland, and Columbus to its membership and as an AURP sponsor.

AURP will partner with Ohio Innovation Districts and its members in programming and other connections including at the [AURP BioHealth Caucus](#) in San Diego, June 12 -13, 2022.

In Ohio, medical and research facilities, academic institutions, and private corporations have been brought together by JobsOhio to create the three Innovation Districts. The goal is to create sustainable ecosystems of ideas, infrastructure, and talent where the world's top people and companies come to roll up their sleeves, innovate, and grow.

Innovation Districts help Ohio stand out as being competitive nationally and globally as a go-to place for innovation and the talent that makes it happen. Ohio's Innovation Districts include:

- The **Cincinnati Innovation District** is focused on applying technology across all disciplines. This first-of-its-kind partnership between JobsOhio, the University of Cincinnati, and Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center aims to accelerate more than 15,000 STEM graduates and \$2 billion in research to bring up to 20,000 new jobs and \$3 billion in annual economic impact. The University of Cincinnati and Cincinnati Children's Hospital contribute \$450 million each year in research. This research results in discoveries that become the basis for innovative startups in the tech and healthcare sectors.
- The **Cleveland Innovation District** is focused on healthcare innovation and community health, leveraging northeast Ohio's large healthcare economy. This partnership between JobsOhio, the Cleveland Clinic, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland State University, MetroHealth Medical Center, and University Hospitals aims to transform

Northeast Ohio into a \$1 billion biomedical economic engine that attracts top innovators, new companies and accelerates STEM talent and research. The economic impact of the Cleveland Innovation District is expected to be \$3 billion for Cleveland and Ohio.

- The **Columbus Innovation District** brings together leading educational and healthcare research organizations to bolster in-demand job creation and economic growth within the state's largest city. The Columbus Innovation District aims to generate 20,000 new jobs in central Ohio over the next 10 years, involving an estimated 10,000 direct STEM jobs in the technology and healthcare industries, as well as 10,000 indirect jobs in the community at large fueling an economic impact of \$3 billion. JobsOhio, Ohio State, and Nationwide Children's Hospital will invest \$1.1 billion in the Columbus Innovation District, including the development of an Interdisciplinary Research Facility, an Energy Advancement and Innovative Center, an Outpatient Cancer Facility, and the region's first proton therapy facility to treat cancer patients already underway at Ohio State's West Campus.

With the proven success in creating real economic opportunities that benefit companies as well as entire communities, innovation districts are paving the way forward in Ohio. To learn more about Ohio's Innovation Districts, visit www.JobsOhio.com/Innovation.

About JobsOhio

JobsOhio is a private nonprofit economic development corporation designed to drive job creation and new capital investment in Ohio through business attraction, retention and expansion. The organization also works to seed talent production in its targeted industries and to attract talent to Ohio through [Find Your Ohio](#). JobsOhio works with six regional partners across Ohio: [Dayton Development Coalition](#), [Ohio Southeast Economic Development](#), [One Columbus](#), [REDI Cincinnati](#), [Regional Growth Partnership](#) and [Team NEO](#). Learn more at www.jobsohio.com. Follow us on [LinkedIn](#), [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

About AURP:

AURP, a not-for-profit international organization with offices in the Washington, DC area at the University of Maryland Discovery District and in Tucson, AZ at the University of Arizona Tech Park, focuses on creating communities of innovation and education for research parks both operating and planned, plus innovation districts, incubators, accelerators and the businesses that support the research park industry. AURP and its global membership promote research, institute-industry relations and innovation districts to foster innovation and to facilitate the transfer of technology from such institutions to the private sector. Learn more: www.aurp.net

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