

PRESS RELEASE

GROW PIQUA NOW RELEASES 2012 STATE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT

PIQUA, **OH – May 16**, **2012**— Grow Piqua Now released its 2012 State of Economic Development Report at the 3rd Annual State of Economic Development event at the Fort Piqua Plaza. The event is part of the Piqua Area Chamber of Commerce's Legislative events series, which is sponsored by AT&T.

The 2012 Report highlights the economic development success stories of several local companies, including Apex Aluminum, CoilPlus Berwick, Hartzell Air Movement, and the Upper Valley Career Center.

According to Bill Murphy, Executive Director of Grow Piqua Now (GPN), the publication also helps the community track the organization's economic development efforts. "Working with the Piqua Area Chamber of Commerce and the City of Piqua, Grow Piqua Now has been able to share our successes with companies throughout the Dayton Region as well as to our local residents and businesses. It has also allowed us to produce a high-quality report to share with site selection consultants and corporate real estate professionals and is an integral part of our marketing program."

According to Kathy Sherman, President of the Chamber of Commerce, "The State of Economic Development Report continues to be our premier marketing tool to showcase those businesses in our community that have made new investments in our City." Adding, "It's also a great tool to show prospective businesses that our community is a great place to invest and do business."

The 2012 State of Economic Development Report is available on the Grow Piqua Now website (www.growpiquanow.org) and the City of Piqua website (www.piquaoh.org).

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