



Portage County Department of Economic Development

“Assistance and resources for new and expanding businesses”

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The Portage County Department of Economic Development provides a variety of services for both existing businesses and those considering relocating to Portage County. Services are available to anyone considering a project in Portage County and tend to focus on manufacturing, distribution and other projects that fit within the various industrial-zoning classifications within the county.

PCOED markets Portage County through advertising, exhibiting at trade shows and responds to businesses seeking to locate or expand in Portage County.

After more than a decade of cooperation in regional marketing the Akron Canton Area Partners for Progress, a four county partnership which included Portage County, merged into Team NEO. *Team NEO covers all counties in NE Ohio.*

Portage County is a founding member of NEOTEC which administers Foreign Trade Zone 181 throughout 10 counties in NE Ohio.

The FTZ in created in Streetsboro was instrumental in attracting L’Oreal and Recreational Products to the county in 2003.

Portage County is also a member of Team Ohio. This group created in 2005, is the marketing/sales group for the State of Ohio. Team Ohio was formed under the umbrella of the Ohio Economic Development Association. Membership provides an opportunity to participate in marketing of the State of Ohio from the planning process to attending trade shows as a team member.

The office maintains a data base of development information which includes industrial sites, buildings, business incentive programs and other business resources. Development information is published to the office web site (www.portageworkforce.org/pcoed) It provides assistance to industrial realtors, builders, local communities and local industries as necessary to maintain and improve the economic base and create jobs in Portage County.

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The office also works with local, regional and state organizations to address business issues such as workforce, Foreign Trade Zones, logistics and business incentive programs.

Services include:

- ◆ Confidential site & building search assistance
- ◆ Financing information & referrals
- ◆ Property tax exemptions and tax credits
- ◆ Labor Market Information and other demographics.

PCOED administers Portage County's Enterprise Zone Program which permits property tax incentives for new and expanding businesses.

Portage County Enterprise Zone Communities

Cities:	Villages:	Townships:
*Aurora	*Garrettsville	Brimfield
*Kent	**Mantua	Mantua
Ravenna	Mogadore	Ravenna
Streetsboro	Windham	*Rootstown
*Tallmadge	Hiram	Shalersville
		**Edinburg

*Communities with CRA

**New CRA

Internet Resources

Department of Economic Development

- www.portageworkforce.org/pcoed

Portage County

- www.co.portage.oh.us

Portage County Port Authority

- www.portageport.com

Relocation Guide

- www.portageworkforce.org/portage

Portage Workforce Connection

- www.portageworkforce.org

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