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**Columbus Region Ranks No. 8 Metro Area by Site Selection Magazine**

**Columbus, OH** – Site Selection magazine announced today that the Columbus Region took the No. 8 spot on the magazine’s ‘Top 10 Metro Areas’ list based on new and expanded facilities in 2016. This is the fifth year in a row that the Columbus Region has been in Site Selection’s ‘Top 10 Metros’ list.

Also for the fifth consecutive year, Ohio’s 515 new projects earned the state the No. 2 spot in Site Selection’s overall Governor’s Cup state ranking – second only to Texas. Ohio also took the third-place spot in the per capita ranking, with Nebraska and Kentucky taking the top one and two spots, respectively.

“We are proud that the Columbus Region has been included among Site Selection’s Top 10 Metro Areas for the fifth year in a row,” said Kenny McDonald, president and chief economic officer, Columbus 2020. “The Columbus Region’s continued presence on this list is a testament the hard work that our community does to grow and attract companies.”

The Columbus Region earned the ranking among metropolitan areas with populations greater than 1 million, with Chicago, Dallas-Fort Worth and Houston occupying the top three spots. New facilities and expansions included in the analyses had to meet at least one of the three criteria: involve a capital investment of at least U.S. \$1 million, create at least 20 new jobs, or add at least 20,000 square feet of new floor area.

In addition to Columbus, other Ohio cities recognized include Cincinnati, Celina, Dayton, Defiance, Findlay, Portsmouth, Toledo and Wooster.

Site Selection magazine has awarded the Governor’s Cup annually since 1988, based on new and expanded corporate facilities as tracked by the proprietary Conway Projects Database.

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**About Columbus 2020**

As the economic development organization for the Columbus Region, Columbus 2020’s mission is to generate opportunity and build capacity for economic growth across 11 Central Ohio counties. In 2010, hundreds of business and community leaders developed the Columbus 2020 Regional Growth Strategy, and the Columbus Region is now experiencing the strongest decade of growth in its history. The Columbus 2020 team conducts business outreach, promotes the Columbus Region to market-leading companies around the world, conducts customized research to better understand the Columbus Region’s competitiveness, and works to leverage public, private and institutional partnerships. Funding is received from more than 300 private organizations, local governments, academic institutions and JobsOhio. Learn more at [ColumbusRegion.com](http://ColumbusRegion.com).

**About Site Selection**

Site Selection, published by Conway Inc., is the senior publication in the corporate real estate and economic development fields and is the official publication of the Industrial Asset Management Council. For more information about Site Selection magazine’s annual awards and to see a full list of the 2016 Governor’s Cup honorees, visit [SiteSelection.com](http://SiteSelection.com).