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New Report Details Growth of Shale Industry

COLUMBUS, OHIO – A new quarterly report from the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) will track changes in Ohio’s oil and gas industry and give policy makers, workforce development professionals and the public insight into how the shale industry is impacting Ohio’s economy.

“The growing oil and gas industry holds great economic potential for Ohio,” said ODJFS Director Michael Colbert. “This report provides individuals, businesses and community leaders with important information that can help guide economic development decisions and career choices.”

The first *Quarterly Economic Trends for Ohio Oil and Gas Industries* is available online here:
<http://ohiolmi.com/OhioShale/OhioShale.htm>.

Highlights from the initial report:

- Employment in core shale industries, such as pipeline construction and well drilling, increased 17 percent from the first quarter of 2011 to the first quarter of 2012. Employment in ancillary shale industries, such as freight trucking and environmental consulting, increased 3.1 percent over the same time period.
- The average salary in core shale industries was \$73,934. The average salary in ancillary industries was \$58,765.
- Between the first quarter of 2011 and the first quarter of 2012, 16 oil and gas well-drilling operations, six natural gas liquid extraction operations, five oil and gas pipeline construction businesses, and nine businesses offering oil and gas industry support services opened in Ohio.

ODJFS works closely with the Ohio Board of Regents, local career centers, post-secondary educational institutions and the business community to identify the most-needed shale-related occupations and make sure that necessary job-training programs are in place. Individuals interested in employment in the shale industry can search for openings at www.ohiomeansjobs.com. More information about shale-related education and training can be found at www.ohioenergypathways.com. Businesses looking for qualified candidates can post openings and search for qualified candidates at www.ohiomeansjobs.com.

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