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The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission Receives Auditor of State Award with Distinction

(Columbus – January 8, 2015) A recent review of the comprehensive annual financial report of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) by Auditor of State Dave Yost’s office has earned MORPC the *Auditor of State Award with Distinction* for excellence in financial reporting. The Auditor of State’s Office is responsible for auditing more than 5,600 state and local government agencies.

“We at MORPC take our responsibilities to our members and Central Ohio seriously, which includes being accountable for our activities and communicating our finances through excellent financial reporting,” states Shawn Hufstedler, MORPC Chief of Staff & Finance Director. “We appreciate the recognition for this financial reporting from Auditor of State Yost’s office.”

The Auditor of State Award with Distinction is presented to local governments and school districts upon the completion of a financial audit. Entities that receive the award meet the following criteria of a “clean” audit report:

- The entity must file timely financial reports with the Auditor of State’s office in accordance with GAAP (Generally Accepted Accounting Principles);
- The audit report does not contain any findings for recovery, material citations, material weaknesses, significant deficiencies, Single Audit findings or questioned costs;
- The entity’s management letter contains no comments related to:
 - Ethics referrals
 - Questioned costs less than \$10,000
 - Lack of timely report submission
 - Reconciliation
 - Failure to obtain a timely Single Audit
 - Findings for recovery less than \$100
 - Public meetings or public records

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MORPC is a voluntary association of local governments in Central Ohio serving the region through planning, direct service, public policy information and innovative programming, and intergovernmental coordinating services in the areas of transportation, land use, energy conservation, the environment and housing.

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