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DAYTON METRO #3 IN SITE SELECTION MAGAZINE'S GOVERNOR'S CUP RANKING MARKS 11 YEARS IN THE TOP 10 AMONG CITIES OF ITS SIZE

DAYTON, Ohio – Site Selection Magazine announced Tuesday the Dayton Metro ranked third among cities of its size for economic development projects in its annual Governor's Cup rankings, marking the 11th consecutive year the region has ranked in the top 10.

“Every year, the Governor's Cup lets us know where we stand among our peers in economic development, and for the last 11 years the Dayton Region has maintained its place in the top 10,” said Jeff Hoagland, President and CEO of the Dayton Development Coalition. “We continue to grow and thrive with the hard work of our local partners. They are the boots on the ground providing the environment for companies to expand and new ones to land.”

Ohio ranked second among all states for the fifth straight year. Ohio has placed either first or second for more than 10 years, cementing the state's role as a leader in job creation and business expansion.

“We are incredibly lucky to live in a region with so many people dedicated to growing our economic base and willing to help companies find the resources we need to grow,” said Anne Eiting Klamar, chair of Midmark Corp. and chair of the Coalition's Board of Trustees. “I know the Dayton Region will continue to provide new opportunities for residents, and remain an incredible place to live, work, and play.”

The 63-year-old Atlanta-based 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. The DDC works with local economic development officials and JobsOhio to provide information on regional expansion projects to use for the rankings. Dayton beat out Durham-Chapel Hill, N.C.; Lexington-Fayette, Ky.; and Greensboro-High Point, N.C. to claim the number three spot.

“Montgomery County and the Dayton Region have proven that we have what it takes to attract new business including our region's heavy concentration of universities, our Air Force and private-sector high-tech research, our highly-skilled work force and our incredibly low cost of living,” said County Commission President Dan Foley. “We take pride in working collaboratively as a region for the sake of new investments and to help business prosper.”

Overall, Dayton Region companies committed to creating more than 3,600 total jobs in 2016. Of that 3,600, CareSource's downtown expansion topped job creation projects in the region, committing to create 650 jobs. Automotive suppliers Tenneco Automotive, Navistar, and Mahle Behr committed to a combined 1,000 jobs, and Airstream committed to add 195. Regional

companies announced plans to invest more than \$290 in capital investment in 2016. The Dayton Region is also home to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio's largest single-site employer, and leader in scientific research and development.

The region reached several important milestones, as well. Fuyao, Tenneco and the development of University of Dayton's River Campus saw sites once known for job loss come roaring back to life, creating new jobs in places where local workers have built their careers for generations.

Site Selection ranks cities and states each year based on the number of economic development projects in their region. Projects factored into the rankings include those with any combination of state, regional and local incentives, as well as those that do not receive any type of assistance. This year's results indicate a strong state and regional business climate. The State of Ohio came in second in the nation. In the Greater Dayton Region, Celina, Greenville, Wapakoneta and Sidney were among the nation's top 100 micropolitan cities with populations between 10,000 and 50,000 people.

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The Dayton Development Coalition (DDC) is the leading economic development organization for the 14-county Dayton region. Working closely with public and private regional partners, its mission is to retain, expand and recruit jobs. Dayton ranked as the nation's top metro for economic development in 2008, 2009 and 2012, runner-up in 2010, 2011, 2014 and 2015, and has been in the top 10 for 11 years. With the State's largest single-site employer in its backyard, the DDC is also focused on advocating for the critical missions at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base and supporting the work of the United States Air Force. The DDC and the State of Ohio were ranked as America's top military community, being honored with the 2015 Community Excellence Award from the Association of Defense Communities, and were designated an ADC Great American Defense Community in 2016 – a testament to the collaborative efforts in support of Wright-Patt, America's #1 Air Force Base as ranked by the Air Force Times (2014).

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