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1. Ohio Department of Commerce announces consolidation of offices

The Ohio Department of Commerce recently announced a consolidation plan for its offices that review and approve building construction plans for commercial and public projects.

As of July 1, 2006, Commerce's Division of Industrial Compliance has consolidated its Canton, Chillicothe and Toledo regional offices and moved the operations of those offices to its main location at 6606 Tussing Road in Reynoldsburg, just east of Columbus.

According to the Ohio Department of Commerce, the consolidation was necessary following decreases in workload and revenue. The decreases are due to an increase in the number of locally certified building departments in communities across Ohio. Approximately 590 Ohio cities, townships and counties have certified local building departments.

In addition, last year the Ohio Department of Commerce created an online plans-submission process allowing customers to submit plans for review, pay fees, receive plan approval and download approved plans online for any size project without having to leave their offices. The online plans-submission process will continue to be offered as a valuable service for customers.

For more information about the consolidation, go to the Ohio Department of Commerce Web site at <https://www.com.state.oh.us> and click "press room."

2. New SAO project coordinators

SAO is pleased to announce the addition of Rita Nichols and Barbara Taylor to its staff as project coordinators.

Rita, a Dublin resident, is a former employee of the Ohio Treasurer of State where she served as an accountant. She brings more than 20 years of experience gained in the corporate sector, public sector and by owning a small business. She is well-experienced in using several software applications as well as having a strong background in accounting. She has taught classes in accounting and office administration and has edited accounting textbooks. She earned a bachelor's degree with a major in finance and a Master of Business Administration with a concentration in management from Marshall University in West Virginia.

Barbara is a former employee of the Ohio Department of Public Safety. Over the past four years she has excelled and moved through the ranks from customer service specialist to an account examiner. Barbara holds a bachelor's degree from Franklin University and a real estate certification from Columbus State Community College.

Additionally, Helen Buechner, a former project coordinator with the State Architect's Office, returned to SAO this summer on a temporary basis to work as an interim project coordinator.

3. New Van Wert patrol post opens

Top officials from the Ohio State Highway Patrol dedicated the new Van Wert patrol post at a ribbon-cutting ceremony June 15.

The new building provides up-to-date facilities and equipment that the officers and professional staff can use to better serve the citizens of Van Wert and Paulding counties.

The State Architect's Office oversaw the design and construction of the project with Nick Cassidy, AIA, as the project manager and Lana Salyers as the project coordinator.

For more information about the project, go to the SAO Web site at www.ohio.gov/sao and click "project profiles" then "ODPS Van Wert Patrol Post."

4. Link to the July Ohio Register

The July 2006 issue of the Ohio Register was posted to the SAO Web site on July 3. It can be viewed and printed at www.ohio.gov/sao (click on Ohio Register).

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July Ohio Register Updated

A revised version of the July 2006 Ohio Register is now available via the SAO Web site at www.ohio.gov/sao (click on Ohio Register). The correct deadline for the Wright State University projects (Science Lab Rehabilitation – Phases 2A and 2B) is July 31.

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July 2006 Special Conditions Issued

The Ohio Department of Administrative Services, State Architect's Office (SAO), recently issued Special Conditions, dated July 2006, that modify the Standard Conditions of Contract for Construction.

The Special Conditions amend and become a part of the May 2003 Lead Contractor Project version of the State of Ohio Standard Conditions of Contract for Construction. For increased clarity, SAO has published the Special Conditions by reissuing the affected documents. The reissued documents include the Notice to Bidders and the General Conditions. The changes to the documents are shown with a vertical line in the margin adjacent to the line or lines where the change occurs from the previous version. Inserted text is underlined and deleted text is shown with a line through the text. The General Conditions document should be incorporated into the project manual as is.

Also updated were the Department's Construction CPM Schedule Specification, the Allowance / Procedure for CPM Schedule Specification and the Construction Manager version of the Notice to Bidders.

The documents are available via the SAO Web site at www.ohio.gov/sao (click on Front End).

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Correction to Lead Contractor General Conditions

A revised version of the Lead Contractor General Conditions is available via the SAO Web site at www.ohio.gov/sao (click on Front End). An inadvertent subparagraph numbering error occurred in Article 8.6 (page 54) which has been corrected. The date of the document remains unchanged.

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