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## Board of Regents

University System of Ohio

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Dear Higher Education Stakeholder:

On behalf of the Ohio Board of Regents, we are writing to request feedback from your organization (to be presented at our board meeting on December 9<sup>th</sup> or submitted in writing by December 31<sup>st</sup>) as we prepare the *Second Report on the Condition of Higher Education in Ohio*. We would welcome your attendance at the Board meeting on December 9<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Ohio Board of Regents' offices at 30 E. Broad Street, on the 36<sup>th</sup> Floor.

On December 9<sup>th</sup>, we would like to hear your comments and we will allow time for interaction with Board members. We would especially appreciate your perspectives on the following:

The *Second Report on the Condition of Higher Education in Ohio* focuses on facility and technology infrastructure. The Regents believe that Ohio's higher education system needs a competitive facility and technology infrastructure to educate Ohioans for the workforce needs of a thriving 21<sup>st</sup> century economy. Ohio's ten-year *Strategic Plan for Higher Education* promises to raise the overall educational attainment of the state of Ohio, expand workforce training and research, and improve quality while making college more affordable. Given the important goals identified within the *Plan*:

- a) What are the three most important themes affecting higher education's facility and technology infrastructure that should be highlighted in the report?
- b) How can Ohio's current higher education facilities support substantial enrollment increases with high quality? Can technology support the goals of educating more Ohioans and expanding workforce development and research?
- c) What are the current conditions that inhibit greater use of space and more efficient construction of facilities? What changes need to be made to rules and regulations that can result in higher utilization and quality facilities?

Your commitment to higher education in Ohio is deeply appreciated, and your feedback will contribute greatly to the Regents *Second Condition Report*.

Sincerely,

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Chair, Ohio Board of Regents

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