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**OHIO BOARD OF REGENTS TO HOLD MONTHLY MEETING
AT OBR OFFICES, COLUMBUS, OHIO, April 21**

COLUMBUS, Ohio – The Ohio Board of Regents will hold its monthly meeting at 1:30 p.m., Thursday, April 21, at the agency's offices, 30 East Broad St., 36th Floor, Columbus, Ohio.

The meeting will feature a presentation on "Return On Educational Investment," a plan to boost Ohio's economy by increasing the state's talent pool by 120,000 college graduates by 2015. The plan will be presented to the board by President Nancy Zimpher of the University of Cincinnati.

Known as ROEI, the plan is supported by the Ohio Board of Regents and the state's higher education associations: the Inter-University Council of Ohio, the Ohio Association of Community Colleges, and the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Ohio. Information about the plan can be found on the web at: <http://www.iuc-ohio.org/roei.htm>.

Among items scheduled for board action are: an institutional reauthorization for Wilmington College, release and distribution of remaining FY 2005 Family Practice appropriations and Primary Care Residency appropriations, award of Ohio Eminent Scholars Program capital grants, academic program authorizations and requests to the state Controlling Board.

Media and the public are encouraged to attend the board meeting and the 9 a.m.-noon committee meetings, all being held in main conference room at the Ohio Board of Regents offices.

The Ohio Board of Regents is the coordinating body for higher education in the state. Created in 1963 by the General Assembly, the 11-member public board has a direct, non-governing relationship with all of Ohio's colleges and universities.

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Note: A board meeting agenda and committee meeting schedule are attached. The next monthly meeting of the Ohio Board of Regents is scheduled to be held at 1:30 p.m., May 18 at OBR offices, Columbus, Ohio.