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## **Chancellor Releases Draft Economic Leadership Goal for the University System of Ohio**

### **LINKS THE ROLE OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO THE SUCCESS OF THE STATE**

COLUMBUS --- Chancellor Eric Fingerhut today unveiled the fourth in a series of four draft goals being considered for inclusion in the University System of Ohio's 10-year master plan due to Governor Ted Strickland and the Ohio General Assembly March 30, 2008. Titled "Economic Leadership," the goal emphasizes the role of higher education in the overall economic success of the state.

"Ohio has an incredible collection of higher education institutions," Fingerhut said. "We expect the University System of Ohio to enable them to become the driving economic forces in their regions and produce a workforce that is one of the most educated and competitive in the world."

The draft "Economic Leadership" goal is posted for public input on the University System of Ohio website. It follows draft goals on "Educational Attainment," "Quality," and "Affordability," which have been released over the month of November.

**"Economic Leadership" states:**

**The University System of Ohio will provide the intellectual and organizational infrastructure to measurably improve the economic outlook for all Ohioans.**

**Chancellor Fingerhut proposes to measure the University System of Ohio's success using:**

- 1. Annual federal and industrially financed research spending per capita (national rank)**
- 2. Number of jobs created above minimum wage**
- 3. Total international students and Ohio students studying abroad**
- 4. Invention disclosures**
- 5. Percent of Ohioans age 25 and older with post-secondary education**

"We want Ohioans to understand that higher education is no longer an end in itself. It's a means to another end—a better job, a better life, and an Ohio that is a major economic competitor on the world stage," stated Chancellor Fingerhut.

*The goals and measurements of success proposed by Chancellor Fingerhut can be viewed at the University System of Ohio's website at [www.universitysystem.ohio.gov/master-plan/](http://www.universitysystem.ohio.gov/master-plan/).*

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