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2007 MID-YEAR INVESTOR REPORT
building connections

Unity is Building Prosperity

This report briefly summarizes the results of our work to develop the region. Backed by your commitment and investment, we are gaining ground in each strategic area charted by the Columbus Chamber and CompeteColumbus.

Columbus Chamber Strategy:

- Attracting jobs to the region
- Cultivating new, retaining and expanding existing businesses
- Building and supporting the products that attract and retain businesses
- Growing Chamber membership and retention

CompeteColumbus Clusters:

- Automotive
- Logistics and Distribution
- Personalized Medical Services
- Tourism, Entertainment and Arts

Mid-Year Milestones

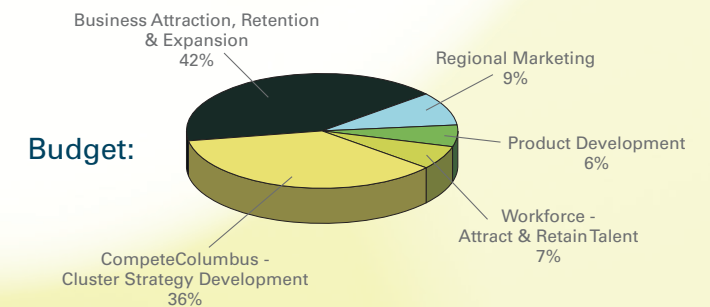
Listed below are just a few of the milestones realized through deep and complex efforts executed by the Chamber and CompeteColumbus and supported by investors in the Columbus Regional Growth Fund.

- Inquiries from prospective companies have tripled since this time last year.
- Information from more than 200 companies is growing our Business Attraction, Retention and Expansion program.
- More than 300 of the 1,100 jobs transferring to the Defense Supply Center Columbus have been filled directly from our marketing and recruitment programs.
- We've added more tools to our Web site for site-selection consultants, including a component that will track demographic information from any piece of real estate in our region. As a result, use of our Web site is higher than ever.
- Our regional marketing program has attracted national media attention including articles in the *Christian Science Monitor*, *Forbes Magazine*, *Commercial Property News* and *myMidwest* (Midwest Airline's publication).
- Recognition of Columbus is growing. *fDI Magazine* ranked Columbus the third top City of the Future for international investment. *Expansion Magazine* ranked Columbus a top 50 city for expansion and Franklin County as a top large community in the nation for attracting new business.
- Five regional partners joined the Chamber at two national tradeshows where we secured 300 new contacts.
- More than 100 people attended the launch of our minority program Diversity Bridge. A Web portal that links women and minority-owned businesses to resources will launch this summer.

- Strategies to attract and retain young professionals were unveiled, and we are working with city and community partners on implementation.
- In addition, we are securing an online platform to connect area college students and businesses, and we are preparing resources to support human resource professionals in recruiting.
- The Central Ohio Logistics Roadmap is complete. It identifies key drivers and assets to build a stronger logistics-driven regional economy. Soon, the Central Ohio Logistics Alliance will form, an industry-led group to provide assistance to emerging and existing logistics companies. In addition, a marketing program to promote the logistics industry will launch soon. We've convened a group to identify ways to connect workers with available jobs at Rickenbacker.
- In the automotive industry, the operating environment was measured to define manufacturing excellence benchmarks that will help Central Ohio automotive suppliers be more competitive.

Helping Us > Go Ahead!

Your investment has been crucial to supporting the outcomes of this report, including the attraction of 13 companies that will create 1,300 new jobs.



Our Metrics:

	Prospects	Jobs New (Companies)	Jobs Expanded (Companies)	Indirect Jobs*	Total Direct and Indirect
Year-to-Date Cluster-Related (Active)	49	250(3)	100(1)	586	936
2007 Goal	75	750	750	3000	
% of Goal	65%	33%	13%	20%	
2006 Actual	54	890	539	3770	

January through April 2007