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**TWO LOCAL BUSINESSES RECEIVE STATE ASSISTANCE  
AND CREATE 67 NEW JOBS**

*Columbus* – With the approval of the Ohio Controlling Board, Senator Bill Harris (R-Ashland) recently announced the release of \$60,000 from the state Controlling Board to local businesses in Ashland County. Novatex North America, Inc. and Maverick Innovative Solutions, LLC, will receive Business Development Grants from the state, both of which will assist in the costs associated with the acquisition of machinery and equipment. As a result of their \$50,000 grant, Novatex estimates that it will create 50 new full time jobs, and the \$10,000 granted to Maverick will assist the company in the creation of an estimated 17 new full time jobs and the retention of 33 existing ones.

“As Ohio continues to revamp its economy to better compete in the global marketplace, state investments in successful businesses such as Novatex and Maverick help lead the way to new job creation and economic gains for our state,” Senator Harris said.

Novatex is a subsidiary of a German based company, which specializes in infant care items, wishes to locate its United States Headquarters and first North American manufacturing facility in Ashland. The company sells products to over 90 countries around the world. The Business Development Grant, in conjunction with a previously approved five-year Job Creation Tax Credit, an Ohio Investment in Training Program grant and a 50 percent, 10 year-tax abatement on real property, provides Novatex with a competitive economic incentive package, making Ohio an attractive place to build this facility.

Maverick is a stainless steel manufacturing company headquartered in Wayne County, Ohio, with an automatic welding branch located in Ashland. The company is in competition with a Canadian company for a new wood burning stove manufacturing contract. The grant will assist in the expansion of the Ashland location’s facilities and accommodate to the increased workload.

Ohio found itself in direct competition with other countries, such as Brazil and Canada, for the future business contracts of both companies. State assistance was vital in giving these companies greater financial appeal and to retain needed jobs in Ohio.