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## Ohio Motion Picture Tax Credit Helps Secure Five New Projects

**Columbus** – Ohio's film industry continues to grow as Ohio's Motion Picture Tax Credit secures more productions. The following five projects will bring in anticipated revenue of more than \$17.1 million for Ohio.

"I am thrilled that Hollywood producers continue to consider Ohio as the ideal production destination," said Christiane Schmenk, Director of the Ohio Department of Development. "Ohio's combination of diverse locations and skilled workforce, have generated a prosperous and exciting relationship with the film industry."

**Confession** will receive a \$1,033,712 Ohio Motion Picture Tax Credit to shoot in an Ohio location that is yet to be determined. *Confession* revolves around the murder of a retired sheriff and the investigation to find the perpetrator. The cast of the film includes Danny Glover (*Lethal Weapon, Saw*), Melissa Leo (*The Fighter, 21 Grams*), and is directed by Stuart Cooper.

**Galaxy Command** will receive a \$116,177 Ohio Motion Picture Tax Credit and will be produced in the Akron area. This interactive video game, which is produced by Blue Frog Gaming and directed by Matthew Maroon, involves players competing for the largest empire in a vast virtual universe. Gamers conquer planets, mine resources, and build warships throughout their quest to achieve virtual domination.

**Needlestick** will receive a \$193,750 Ohio Motion Picture Tax Credit to shoot in the City of Toledo and the City of Maumee. The film, directed by Dr. Steven Karageanes, explores medical ethics and the value of human life and character. The script won horror feature awards at the *Action On Film International Festival* in Pasadena, California and was a finalist in the Great American Screenplay Competition.

**The Yank** will receive a \$330,831 Ohio Motion Picture Tax Credit to shoot in the Cleveland area and other locations in northern Ohio. This romantic comedy, rumored to star Fred Willard (*Best in Show*), centers around a middle-aged Irishman's search for love in the country of his ancestors.

**Unamerican** will receive a \$1,699,540 Ohio Motion Picture Tax Credit to shoot in northeast Ohio. The film is a satirical depiction of contemporary American society in which one man loses his seemingly perfect materialistic lifestyle due to corporate downsizing but gains insight on the true meaning of life.

In order to be eligible for the tax credit, the production companies must show reviewable progress to the Ohio Film Office within 90 days of receiving the notification letter. In addition, they will only receive the tax credit upon the completion of production.

For more information on the tax credit, or how to get involved with the films, visit [www.ohiofilloffice.com](http://www.ohiofilloffice.com).

*The Ohio Film Office administers the Ohio Motion Picture Tax Credit, which helps advance the motion picture industry in the State of Ohio, creating job opportunities and revenue. The Ohio Film Office aggressively recruits outside production activity to Ohio and helps retain and grow existing Ohio production companies and related businesses with the assistance and collaboration of industry partners. The Ohio Motion Picture Tax Credit, totaling \$20 million for Fiscal Years 2011 and 2012, is calculated in two components: Ohio resident cast and crew wages will be credited at 35 percent. All other eligible*

*production expenditures will be credited at 25 percent.*

*Working with our partners across business, state and local governments, academia, and the nonprofit sector, the **Ohio Department of Development** works to attract, create, grow, and retain businesses through competitive incentives and targeted investments. Engaged every day in marketing, innovating, investing, and collaborating, the **Ohio Department of Development** works at the speed of business to accelerate and support the teamwork that is necessary for success by providing financial, informational, and technical assistance to those making an investment in Ohio's future.*

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