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**KASICH NAMES JACQUELINE T. WILLIAMS DIRECTOR OF THE OHIO
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

COLUMBUS – Today Gov. John R. Kasich announced that he has named Jacqueline T. Williams to lead the Ohio Department of Commerce. Williams currently serves as chief of the Minority Business Development Division in the Ohio Development Services Agency (DSA). She replaces Andre T. Porter who Kasich appointed to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) on February 20, 2015.

As chief of the Minority Business Development Division in DSA, Williams has led Ohio's minority business development initiatives and worked with minority businesses to help them identify and apply for financial incentives. Her efforts contributed to state agencies' successes in rising to Gov. Kasich's challenges of improved compliance with Ohio's minority purchasing requirements for state government. Last year more minority-owned businesses did work for the State of Ohio than ever before.

Prior to leading the Minority Business Development Division, Williams was the Executive Director of the Ohio Liquor Control Commission, where she used her skills and business expertise to revitalize business policies for the industry. As the Executive Director of the Tuition Trust Authority, Williams helped establish *CollegeAdvantage* as the premier 529 college savings program in the nation. Before that, she served as Chief Administrative Officer for the Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) where she overhauled the employee training division, which resulted in improved customer service.

Williams received her bachelor's degree in psychology and sociology, and her master of science in administration from Miami University in Oxford.

Williams starts her new position on April 11. She is a resident of Columbus (Franklin Co.).

