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### **OHIO MEDICAL CORRIDOR GETS BOOST**

#### ***New Collaboration in Clinical Trials Embraced to Advance Medical Breakthroughs***

COLUMBUS – Furthering Governor John R. Kasich’s statewide Medical Corridor initiative, the Industrial Technology and Enterprise Advisory Council (ITEAC) on Wednesday approved \$2,267,866 to spur collaboration within Ohio’s major medical community. The Medical Corridor will align the individual strengths of Ohio’s leading medical research institutions to help make Ohio the destination for medical research, services and health care companies.

“I’m proud of the work we’ve done to bring Case Western Reserve University, the Ohio State University and the University of Cincinnati together to build larger pools of patients for clinical trials, which will allow work to be done that could solve some of the world’s most vexing health care problems. This collaboration could lead to unprecedented medical breakthroughs, attracting companies and innovators to Ohio. At the end of the day, this means healthier Ohioans and more jobs,” said Kasich.

The Medical Corridor promotes Ohio’s significant medical research assets and leverages them for job growth. The initiative supports collaboration among medical research institutions and the healthcare industry across Ohio’s regions to help lower costs, improve patient care and increase the competitiveness of the state’s biohealth industry. The Medical Corridor includes four main pillars: Choose Ohio, Ohio Clinical Trials Collaborative, Pediatrics, and the Medical Cloud Initiative.

Participating in the Medical Corridor are: The Austen BioInnovation Institute, Battelle, BioEnterprise, Case Western Reserve University, Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center, Cleveland Clinic, Nationwide Children’s Hospital, OhioHealth, Wexner Medical Center at Ohio State University, University of Cincinnati Medical Center, University Hospitals, University of Toledo Medical Center and Wright-Patterson Air Force Base’s Human Performance Wing.

#### **Medical Corridor Awards**

**Case Western Reserve University** is awarded \$1,980,416 to lead the Ohio Clinical Trials Collaborative, a partnership with the state’s three Clinical and Translational Science (CTSAs) at Case Western Reserve University, the Ohio State University and the University of Cincinnati among other institutions. The collaboration will accelerate cures and create jobs by enhancing the institutions’ ability to expand the number of clinical trials in Ohio. This will also create access to a larger pool of patients for enrollment in the clinical trials, increasing the likelihood of completion and providing critical information to biomedical companies sooner so they can move forward with the development and validation of their products.

**BioEnterprise** is awarded \$187,450 to coordinate the Choose Ohio program, designed to introduce Ohio medical innovators to their first customer, namely Ohio medical systems. Early local support for

these innovators will result in increased sales of Ohio biomedical products nationally, help catalyze company growth and job creation and help attract investment in Ohio.

**BioOhio** is awarded \$100,000 to support planning activities associated with the Pediatrics program, exploring ways that Ohio's six pediatric hospitals can collaborate. This work will develop a broader plan for children's hospitals across the state to partner and combine their competitive strengths to attract more clinical and commercial activity.

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