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Trombold and Walker Join the Ohio Department of Development

COLUMBUS – The Ohio Department of Development is pleased to announce that Beth Trombold has been appointed Assistant Director of the Department of Development and Todd Walker has been appointed Chief Communications Officer.

“I am excited to have Beth and Todd join our team and believe their experience will benefit our Department as we complete the transition to the Ohio Development Services Agency and execute our new mission to serve the needs of businesses and Ohio communities,” said Christiane Schmenk, Director of the Ohio Department of Development.



Trombold will oversee Development’s economic and community development programs to ensure they are executed efficiently and with quality customer service as well as work with JobsOhio to ensure the success of Ohio’s new economic development model. Prior to joining the Ohio Department of Development, she served as Director of Economic Development and Public Affairs at the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO), where she focused on defining objectives and policy positions, strategizing on economic and legislative impact, and developing agency communication strategies.

Trombold has a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Ohio University. She is a graduate of the Jo Ann Davidson Ohio Leadership Institute and received the PUCO Frank B. Richards Award for Excellence in Management and Public Service in 2002. Trombold is currently pursuing a master’s in public policy and management at the John Glenn School of Public Affairs at The Ohio State University, graduating in June 2012. She lives in Columbus with her husband Eric and their three children.



As Chief of Communications, Walker is responsible for developing and implementing communications and marketing strategies to promote the Ohio Department of Development and its programs. Prior to joining the Department, he was Communications Manager for the Indiana Department of Transportation where he helped create and implement its new social media plan.

Walker received a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Utah, David Eccles School of Business. He is a member of the Public Relations Society of America, International Association for Public Participation, and the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners. Walker and his wife Anne live in Columbus.

*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 to accelerate and support the teamwork that is absolutely necessary for success by providing financial, informational, and technical assistance to those making an investment in Ohio’s future.*

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