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Cuyahoga County Commissioners and City of Cleveland Mayor to sign Workforce Investment Area Intergovernmental Agreement

On May 3rd 2007 local elected officials will enter into an agreement for the joint management of the Cleveland/Cuyahoga workforce programs and consolidate the Workforce Investment

CLEVELAND – May 3, 2007 – On May 3rd 2007, Cuyahoga County and the City of Cleveland elected officials will sign the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) of the local workforce system. The IGA will govern the relationship between the Cuyahoga Board of County Commissioners and the Mayor of the City of Cleveland relative to federal Workforce Investment Act (WIA) funds received locally and the administration of the workforce program.

It also formalizes the unification of Cuyahoga County and the City of Cleveland as one workforce area. The IGA requires the hiring of an Executive Director by the City of Cleveland and identifies Cuyahoga County as the Fiscal Agent for the entire workforce area. These positions will serve the entire geographical region and oversee the whole of Ohio Workforce Area (OWA) 3, allowing for an enhanced regionally focused response to workforce and economic development issues affecting the community.

The IGA defines how liability will be shared between the two governmental entities (Cleveland & Cuyahoga County) and how the County Commissioners and the Mayor will appoint members to a consolidated Workforce Investment Board.

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