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HB 209 PUBLIC DEPOSITORIES (Adams, R.) To permit the Treasurer of State or a political subdivision, upon the deposit of public moneys with an eligible public depository, to arrange for the public depository to redeposit those moneys with other federally insured banks, savings banks, and savings and loan associations in accordance with specified conditions, to remove the one-year maturity limitation for certificates of deposit with respect to interim deposits, to alter the authority of the Treasurer of State to invest interim money in certificates of deposit, and to require public depositories to provide certain information to political subdivisions.

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HB 225 COUNTY AUDITOR REVIEWS (Peterson, B.) To vest in county auditors responsibility for reviewing and approving property tax exemption applications for some publicly owned property, to authorize legislative authorities of municipal corporations, county auditors, and boards of township trustees to adopt a direct deposit payroll policy, to clarify that a board of township trustees may offer deferred compensation plans or programs to the township's officers and employees, to authorize regional councils of government to operate a 9-1-1 public safety answering point, to authorize counties and townships to increase the amount credited to "rainy day" reserve balance accounts to one-sixth of the expenditures made in the preceding fiscal year from the fund in which the reserve balance account is established, to authorize the Hocking, Ross, and Vinton Counties' boards of county commissioners to form a pilot joint county department of job and family services, to modify state and county investment authority law, to prohibit centralized-services purchases using moneys from the Real Estate Assessment Fund, to exempt funds subject to the Tax Commissioner's rules governing expenditures from the Real Estate Assessment Fund from county quarterly spending plans, to limit the involvement of county officers and their responsibilities in intergovernmental shared services agreements, to authorize county contracting authorities to give notice of requests for proposals and receive proposals through a secure electronic system, to permit tax complaints to be filed electronically, to authorize a county or township to offer any qualified benefit available under a cafeteria plan, and to offer a health and wellness benefit program, to its officers and employees, and to make changes to the New Community Authority Law.

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HB 371 LOCAL GOVERNMENT INNOVATION (Amstutz, R., Weddington, C.) Regarding the Local Government Innovation Program and to make an appropriation.

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Meetings [this week](#):

David Mustine - JobsOhio - shale impacts

Rep. Stautberg (phone) - HB 50, VLTs, HB 379

Attorney General's Staff - public records, open meetings

Governor Proposes Impact Fees for Shale

In the Governor's yearend review, he told reporters that he planned to propose a new local impact fee on the oil and gas industry to help local governments pay for repairs and maintenance of roads and bridges, which are expected to see increased traffic and heavier truck traffic as development of Ohio's petroleum-rich Utica Shale formation ramps up.

The OTA has advocated for this in the past and will work with the Governor and other interested parties on this matter. Watch future alerts for updates.

Proposed NPDES Permit Rules for HSTS

Attached are a letter from Ohio EPA, the public notice, fact sheet and draft permit for renewal of the HSTS General NPDES permit. Please note that comments are due to Ohio EPA by January 2, 2012. Ohio EPA will also be providing a draft MOU for review in the near future.

Applications Now Available on Website for LGIF

The Ohio Department of Development is pleased to announce several Local Government Innovation Fund program updates!

The next Local Government Innovation Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 31 at 1:30 pm. The meeting will be held at the Vern Riffe Center, 77 South High Street, 31st Floor, Columbus, Ohio, 43215.

The LGIF application, draft project selection methodology, and frequently asked questions are now available electronically at <http://development.ohio.gov/Urban/LGIF.htm>. The website can be used to access the most recent and up-to-date program information.

The Local Government Innovation Fund's Regional Information Sessions are now scheduled. The invitation and webinar registration information is forthcoming.

If you have any questions about any of the program material, please feel free to contact Nyla Potter at 614-728-0989 or Nyla.Potter@development.ohio.gov

Ohio LTAP Competition

Have you or one of your co-workers recently built an innovative tool or developed an improved way to do a job? Well, now is the time to show off a project your agency is proud of in the Ohio LTAP Center's Build a Better Mousetrap Competition!

We are looking for projects that you, your employees, or crew designed and built. Projects can be anything from the development of tools, equipment modifications, and/or processes so long as they increase safety, reduce cost, improve efficiency, and/or improve the quality of transportation.

The complete [entry booklet](http://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/Quality/LTAP/Documents/Ohio_LTAP_Center_Build_a_Better_Mousetrap_Entry_Booklet_2011.pdf) for 2011 can be found at http://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/Quality/LTAP/Documents/Ohio_LTAP_Center_Build_a_Better_Mousetrap_Entry_Booklet_2011.pdf.

The 2012 [Entry Form](http://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/Quality/LTAP/Documents/Build_a_Better_Mousetrap_Competition_Entry_Form_2012.pdf) may be found at http://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/Quality/LTAP/Documents/Build_a_Better_Mousetrap_Competition_Entry_Form_2012.pdf.

Entries can be mailed to: The Ohio LTAP Center, 1980 W. Broad Street, 2nd Floor, Columbus, OH 43223 or emailed to the Ohio LTAP Center at: ltap@dot.state.oh.us.

Please be as descriptive and thorough as possible in your explanation of your innovation. Pictures and supporting documents are encouraged with your entry. There is no limit on the number of entries, so if you have multiple innovations, please submit multiple applications.

Entries must be received no later than January 31, 2012 and must be from a local Ohio governmental agency such as a county engineer's office, city, village or township. No private companies/vendors may enter. Good luck and LTAP looks forward to reviewing all of your great new ideas!