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SCHAEFER ANNOUNCES EXPANSION IN COLUMBUS REGION

Leading Structural Engineering Firm to Invest in New Facility and Add 20 Jobs

Columbus, Ohio – Schaefer, a structural engineering firm specializing in innovative design services, has announced plans to expand its operations in the Columbus Region. The investment will create 20 new high-paying jobs with an annual payroll of \$1.6 million, while retaining 20 existing positions.

Schaefer's expansion in Columbus' historic Warehouse reflects the company's growing client base and commitment to supporting industries such as commercial, healthcare, and industrial development. The new Columbus office will play a critical role in delivering cutting-edge engineering services to clients across the country, strengthening Schaefer's footprint in the region.

"This expansion underscores our confidence in the Columbus Region as a hub for innovation and talent," said Ryan Konst, Executive Vice President at Schaefer. "With its robust business environment and access to highly skilled professionals, Columbus continues to be an ideal location for us to grow and serve our clients more effectively."

Founded in 1976 and headquartered in Cincinnati, Schaefer has built a strong reputation for its structural engineering expertise. The company's Columbus operations are integral to its vision of expanding capabilities and meeting the demands of its growing clientele.

Schaefer's decision to expand in the Columbus Region reinforces Ohio's rich legacy of innovation and leadership in industries that shape the built environment," said J.P. Nauseef, President and CEO of JobsOhio. "Schaefer's decision to expand here highlights the value of our talent pool and the region's commitment to fostering business success."

The Columbus Region continues to experience unprecedented growth, fueled by major investments across industries such as healthcare, manufacturing, and technology. With its skilled workforce and reputation for innovation, the Region is emerging as one of the fastest-growing and most dynamic metropolitan areas in the country.

"Columbus' diversity of industry representation provides a stable and advantageous environment for companies like Schaefer to grow," said Columbus Mayor Andrew Ginther. "I'm pleased to see them join the list of organizations thriving and expanding in our Downtown."

About Schaefer

Schaefer provides all aspects of structural engineering: planning, design, inspection, and investigation, across a broad range of projects and industries. Since our founding in 1976, we have grown to 90+ team members across three offices, Cincinnati and Columbus, Ohio and Phoenix, Arizona, and are licensed in EVERY state. We believe in collaborative teams — partnership with owners, architects, developers, and construction team members. With a creative approach supported by an understanding of market trends, we can design adaptive structures that meet owners' needs. Our people enhance communities through smart, innovative structures. Check out our projects, visit schaefer-inc.com.

About JobsOhio

JobsOhio is a private nonprofit economic development corporation designed to drive job creation and new capital investment in Ohio through business attraction, retention and expansion. The organization also works to seed talent production in its targeted industries and to attract talent to Ohio through <u>Find Your Ohio</u>. JobsOhio works with seven regional partners across Ohio: <u>Dayton Development Coalition</u>, <u>Lake to River</u>, <u>Ohio</u> <u>Southeast</u>, <u>One Columbus</u>, <u>REDI Cincinnati</u>, <u>Regional Growth Partnership</u> and Team NEO. Learn more at <u>www.jobsohio.com</u>. Follow the company on <u>LinkedIn</u>, <u>Twitter</u> and <u>Facebook</u>.

About One Columbus

As the economic development organization for the 11-county Columbus Region, One Columbus' mission is to lead a comprehensive regional growth strategy that develops and attracts the world's most competitive companies, grows a highly adaptive workforce, prepares our communities for the future and inspires corporate, academic and public innovation throughout the Columbus Region. One Columbus expertly guides companies through the location decision process. Through strategic business outreach and customized research, the One Columbus team leverages public, private and institutional partnerships to grow the Columbus Region's economy and strengthen its national and international competitiveness. Funding is received from more than 300 private organizations, local governments, academic institutions and JobsOhio. Learn more at <u>ColumbusRegion.com</u>.

About City of Columbus

The City of Columbus is the 14th largest city in the United States, with a population of 921,605 residents. The Columbus economy is balanced with a combination of education, technology, government, research, insurance, and healthcare entities as major employers within the City. Columbus is nationally known for its booming downtown, historic neighborhoods, arts and sporting districts, open attitude, and a noticeably affordable quality of life. Learn more about the City of Columbus at <u>columbus.gov/Business-</u>Development/Economic-Development.

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