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Lieutenant Governor**For Immediate Release:**
January 6, 2010**PATT- MCDANIEL, DEEL ANNOUNCE SUMMER EDUCATION
OPPORTUNITIES FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS***Appalachian Regional Commission Partnership with
Oak Ridge National Laboratory to benefit students*

COLUMBUS – Lisa Patt-McDaniel, Director of the Ohio Department of Development, and Fred Deel, Director of the Governor's Office of Appalachia, today announced summer programs to benefit middle school students and teachers in Appalachian Ohio.

"Participating middle school students will enhance their math, science, and technology skills through direct interaction with the leading research scientists in the United States," Patt-McDaniel said. "Strengthening middle school students' abilities by giving them real-world experience equips them with the knowledge they need to succeed in a 21st century workforce."

The *2010 Middle School Summer Science Camp* will be held from July 18 – 23, 2010 at the U.S. Department of Energy's Oak Ridge National Laboratory and Oak Ridge Associated Universities in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. Students who wish to participate must be 12-14 years of age by July 18, 2010. Students will be chaperoned and the program will cover all major expenses, including meals, lodging, and transportation.

"Supporting students in Appalachian Ohio makes them better able to compete for good jobs in what is an increasingly global workforce," Deel said. "These bright young minds will be given a unique opportunity to experience real science in a leading national research setting, preparing them for the competitive opportunities that their future holds."

Applications will be mailed to middle school guidance counselors, and are also available at www.arc.gov. Application materials are to be submitted to the Ohio Governor's Office of Appalachia and must be received no later than February 26, 2010.

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About the Oak Ridge National Laboratory

The Oak Ridge National Laboratory is one of the largest U.S. Department of Energy research facilities in the United States. It is devoted to multi-purpose research and development and is located approximately 20 miles northwest of Knoxville, Tennessee, near the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Oak Ridge Associated Universities has a diverse array of complementary, and often unique, science education programs.

About Ohio's Governor's Office of Appalachia

As an advocate for Ohio's 32 Appalachian counties, the Governor's Office of Appalachia works on behalf of the Appalachian Regional Commission in Washington, D.C. to promote the region's assets and to support local, regional, state, and federal initiatives. These initiatives contribute to the economic, educational, and community prosperity of the people of Ohio's Appalachian region.

*Working with our partners across business, state and local governments, academia, and the non-profit sector, the **Ohio Department of Development** works to attract, create, grow, and retain businesses through competitive incentives and targeted investments.*

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