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## **Northwest Ohio Strongly Represented In National Economic Development Rankings**

TOLEDO, Ohio - Northwest Ohio made a dramatic statement with its showing in the annual Site Selector Governor's Cup awards.

Six cities within the 17-county Northwest Ohio footprint were ranked among the best nationally based on number of business development projects. The city of Toledo ranked third nationally among metros with populations between 200,000 and 1 million. Five "Micropolitans" in Northwest Ohio, those communities with populations between 10,000-50,000, finished in the top 41 among the nation's 551 micro areas. Findlay ranked No. 1 in the country among micropolitans.

Earlier today, the Regional Growth Partnership hosted a news conference at the National Museum of the Great Lakes to recognize those communities and celebrate the economic development success across Northwest Ohio.

RGP President and CEO Dean Monske noted that a continuously improving business climate across Ohio combined with a proactive outreach program to key site location decision makers is paying direct dividends.

“This recognition for Northwest Ohio is a testament to the strength of our regional assets and the outstanding collaboration among economic development partners to ensure the continued growth of our region,” Monske said.

Along with Findlay, other regional “micros” to make the list included Defiance (#8), Tiffin (#14), Fremont (#19) and Bucyrus (#41).

The success of these Northwest Ohio communities helped the state of Ohio to a second-place ranking for top states in the country. “Businesses are consistently choosing Ohio communities of all sizes as a destination for growth and investment,” said Dana Saucier, vice president and head of economic development at JobsOhio. “Through close collaboration with state, regional and local economic development partners Ohio offers companies across sector lines the solutions needed to thrive and succeed here.”

The Regional Growth Partnership is a private nonprofit development corporation dedicated to fostering regional, national and international business investment opportunities in Northwest Ohio. The RGP serves as Northwest Ohio’s network partner for JobsOhio. Visit [www.rgp.org](http://www.rgp.org) for more information.

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