

Columbus, OH – Governor Ted Strickland and Lisa Patt-McDaniel, Director of the Ohio Department of Development, today announced the creation of 70 jobs and retention of 444 jobs in advanced energy manufacturing at DuPont's Circleville plant. DuPont will expand its next line of films used on photovoltaic solar panels, an investment that strengthens DuPont and Ohio as a leader in the advanced energy economy.

"Two years ago, DuPont company officials told us they could not justify expansion or new investment in Ohio due to electric service cost and reliability concerns," Strickland said. "But we fought for an energy plan that is addressing those concerns and today DuPont is making a major commitment that will create and save hundreds of good Ohio jobs. DuPont is an invaluable and innovative partner, and we deeply appreciate their commitment to growing right here in Ohio."

The announcement was made at a press conference at the company's Circleville plant, where the company is investing \$175 million to expand production of its high-performance DuPont Tedlar® PV2001 series oriented film. Tedlar® is a critical component on the back of solar panels, providing long-term durability and performance. The new production line, scheduled to start in the fall of 2011, is expected to help meet the increasing need for energy and environmental sustainability.

The expansion will also provide 230 temporary construction jobs over the course of the project.

"The decision to expand the Tedlar® film production line at our site is great news for our employees and the Circleville community," said Tony Eichstadt, DuPont Circleville plant manager. "It shows that our site continues to be viewed favorably by the company as a place to invest, and underscores our commitment to maintaining our leadership in the photovoltaic industry."

Ohio is committed to creating a business-friendly climate for new and existing companies in the state. Ohio's landmark energy reform bill, signed in 2008, improved the State's ability to control electricity prices and helped create demand for clean energy in Ohio with the Advanced Energy Portfolio Standard, which calls for electric utilities to supply 25 percent of their retail sales from advanced energy sources by the year 2025.

"This announcement is not only vital to furthering Ohio's role as a leader in solar technology, it is also creating hundreds of solid employment opportunities that will put the good people of Pickaway County back to work," Patt-McDaniel said.

Over the years, the State of Ohio has supported the work of DuPont by offering business incentives, such as training grants, to help the company continue to grow. Currently, the State is offering incentives that could total up to \$6.1 million, including loans, grants and workforce assistance. These incentives are pending State approval.

DuPont and the Ohio Department of Development anticipate that the photovoltaic market will grow rapidly over the next several years, driving the demand for Tedlar® and other new materials that increase the lifetime and efficiency of solar cells and modules.