



PICKAWAY COUNTY – THE CROSSROADS FOR BUSINESS CONNECTIONS

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

### **P3 Responds to Possible Plant Closure at GE**

**Circleville, Ohio- August 12, 2016-** Pickaway Progress Partnership (P3) was disappointed to hear the announcement of the intent to close the GE Lighting manufacturing facility in Circleville. A combination of shifting consumer demand, aging technology and regulations has contributed to a steady decline in production at the Circleville facility to the point where it currently operates at only approximately 10% of total capacity. GE has made the difficult decision to close other similar facilities in Ohio and other states as a result of these same factors. We do not believe the announced closing is a reflection of a struggling local economy, nor is it a reflection of the hard working employees who have contributed to its decades of operations and success.

As the economic development agency for Pickaway County and its municipalities, P3 is committed to exhausting every opportunity to assist GE over the next year as they consider options that might avert the actual closing of the facility. We are equally committed to support the successful transitioning of potentially dislocated workers into new employment opportunities. We will work closely with GE and our local, regional, state, and federal resources to minimize the negative impact of this difficult situation for employees and our community.

With the ebb and flow of business, technology, and the economy, situations like this unfortunately do occur. That is why P3 is committed to supporting our existing employers, but is always working to develop new opportunities to grow our local employment base. We continue to believe our community's best days are before us as we work to take advantage of our strategic location, abundant natural resources, and competitive workforce.