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OAQDA Approves CARC Financing for Cuyahoga County Auto Body Shop
New Equipment Will Reduce Emissions, Improve Air Quality

COLUMBUS –Centerline CarStar Collision Center of Strongsville received approval for \$180,000 in financing of equipment by the Ohio Air Quality Development Authority (OAQDA) at its October meeting to help the business become a clean air facility.

Centerline CarStar is an automotive paint and body repair shop established in 1992. The company plans to install a new, state of the art downdraft paint booth. The new booth will increase capacity by allowing the paint teams to spray repaired vehicles and their disassembled parts together in one cycle, thanks to the large cabin size and dual bay system. In addition, this new booth features many technology upgrades that improve energy consumption and improved air quality.

“This financing through OAQDA is important to our business because it will allow us to serve our customers more efficiently while providing better air quality for our employees and customers in the garage,” Paul Struhar, owner, Centerline CarStar, said.

“Centerline CarStar is an excellent example of how OAQDA’s CARC program provides financial assistance to small businesses in meeting pollution requirements. CARC funds are available to finance the purchase of pollution control or prevention equipment. We are pleased to offer this assistance to Centerline CarStar as they work with us to preserve clean air in Ohio,” said Chadwick Smith, OAQDA executive director.

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The Ohio Air Quality Development Authority (OAQDA) is a non-regulatory government agency created to help Ohio businesses comply with clean air regulations. Since its creation in 1970, the Authority has provided technical and financial help to hundreds of large and small Ohio businesses, awarding more than \$8 billion to finance air quality projects. For more information about OAQDA and its services, please visit its web site at www.ohioairquality.org.