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## **RGP Opening New International Offices in China**

TOLEDO, Ohio – Following up on recent successes for northwest Ohio in building opportunities for international investment, the Regional Growth Partnership announced Friday the opening of an economic development office in Shenzhen, China.

The announcement was marked by a signing ceremony in the Shenzhen High-tech Industrial Park with RGP President and CEO Dean Monske, who is currently visiting China with a 14-member delegation from the region, including Toledo Mayor Mike Bell.

“The purpose of this ‘RGP China’ office is to foster relationships between China and U.S. companies,” said Monske. “This partnership will help facilitate such things as real estate investments, joint ventures, and assistance for companies looking to expand into foreign markets.”

Monske had announced prior to the China trip that the RGP will also open a similar office in Beijing. The opening ceremony for that office will take place Monday, May 23.

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This current trip and the opening of new international offices resulted from an initial 10-day visit to China last September, which included Monske, Mayor Bell and other private sector business people from the Toledo region. They met with key Chinese business leaders and ultimately developed valuable relationships with stakeholders who eventually came to visit Toledo just one month later. These investors recently purchased the Docks restaurant complex and have a tentative agreement to purchase and develop the Marina District.

“Our goal with these international trips and other business development efforts is to create and build relationships,” Monske said. “We’re having success with that, and it’s beginning to pay dividends for our region.”

The Shenzhen industrial park, located about 30 miles outside Hong Kong, is recognized as one of the larger business complexes in that region.

The Regional Growth Partnership is a private nonprofit development corporation dedicated to fostering local, national and international economic growth opportunities for northwest Ohio.

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