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Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: The Columbus Department of Development is proposing to enter into a Jobs Growth Incentive Agreement with Food Safety Net Services - Ohio, LLC equal to twenty-five percent (25%) of the amount of personal income tax withheld on new employees for a term of five (5) years. Food Safety Net Services - Ohio, LLC will make an investment of approximately \$800,000, including \$380,000 in lease-hold improvements, \$255,000 in machinery and equipment, \$40,000 in furniture and fixtures, \$125,000 in new inventory and create 40 new full-time permanent positions with an annual payroll of approximately \$1.18 million.

Food Safety Net Services - Ohio, LLC is a subsidiary of Food Safety Net Services, Ltd., and is headquartered in San Antonio, Texas. The company was founded by Gina Bellinger, President (a microbiologist and graduate of Texas A&M University). The company has rapidly become a national network of ISO-accredited laboratories and consulting services that helps improve the effectiveness of food safety and quality programs for food processors and food industry professionals. Food Safety Net Services is one of the three largest food safety testing laboratories in the nation and has grown to encompass a highly technical staff including degreed scientists which specialize in the food and pharmaceutical industries. Other locations include San Antonio, Dallas/Fort Worth, Phoenix, Green Bay, Atlanta, Fresno, plus its newest facility in Los Angeles.

Food Safety Net Services - Ohio, LLC is proposing to open a new laboratory testing facility in the City of Columbus. The company will enter into a long-term lease agreement and renovate a vacant commercial building located at 4130 Fisher Road consisting of approximately 12,400 sq. ft. to expand its operation, to meet its increased growth, and consumer demand.

FISCAL IMPACT: No funding is required for this legislation.

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To authorize the Director of the Department of Development to enter into a Jobs Growth Incentive Agreement with Food Safety Net Services - Ohio, LLC equal to twenty-five percent (25%) of the amount of new income tax withheld on employees for a term of five (5) years in consideration of the company's proposed investment of \$800,000 and the creation of 40 new permanent full-time positions.

WHEREAS, the City desires to increase employment opportunities and encourage the creation of new jobs in the City in order to improve the overall economic climate of the City and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Development has received a completed Jobs Growth Incentive Application from Food Safety Net Services -Ohio, LLC; and

WHEREAS, Food Safety Net Services - Ohio, LLC is proposing to enter into a long term lease agreement with JABLVB, LLC on a vacant commercial building located at 4130 Fisher Road to expand and establish a new laboratory testing facility; and

WHEREAS, JABLVB, LLC (Food Safety Net Services - Ohio, LLC's real estate holding company) will purchase and own the property, while Food Safety Net Services - Ohio, LLC will lease the facility and create 40 new full-time permanent positions with an estimated annual payroll of approximately \$1.18 million; and

WHEREAS, Food Safety Net Services - Ohio, LLC has indicated that a Jobs Growth Incentive is crucial to its decision to locate the aforementioned recycling facility in Columbus; and

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus desires to facilitate Food Safety Net Services - Ohio, LLC's future growth at the project site; and

WHEREAS, in consideration of Food Safety Net Services - Ohio, LLC's proposed investment of \$800,000 and the proposed creation of 40 new full-time permanent positions; and **NOW THEREFORE**,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

Section 1. That the Director of the Department of Development is hereby authorized to enter into a Jobs Growth Incentive Agreement with Food Safety Net Services - Ohio, LLC equal to twenty-five percent (25%) of the amount of new income tax withheld on employees for a term of five (5) years.

Section 2. Each year for the term of the agreement with Food Safety Net Services - Ohio, LLC, the City's obligation to pay the incentive is expressly contingent upon the passage of an ordinance appropriating and authorizing the expenditure of monies sufficient to make such payment and the certification of the City Auditor pursuant to Section 159 of the Columbus City Charter.

Section 3. That the City of Columbus Jobs Growth Incentive Agreement is signed by Food Safety Net Services - Ohio, LLC within 90 days of passage of this ordinance, or this ordinance and the credit herein shall be null and void.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.