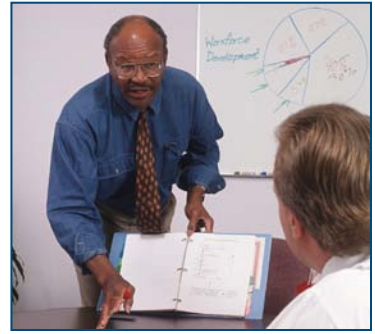




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The Ohio Workforce and Talent Division provide financial assistance and technical resources for customized training involving employees of new and expanding businesses. Up to 50 percent reimbursement is provided to fund instructional costs, materials and training-related activities. There is an emphasis on manufacturing and selected employment sectors that have significant training and capital investment related to creating and retaining jobs. The result is increased employee productivity, improved labor/management relations and a highly skilled labor pool. Your regional contact at the Workforce and Talent Division will personally walk your company through all phases of the application and approval process, at no cost to the business. For more information visit www.odod.state.oh.us/OITP.htm or contact Sue Thomas Dukeman, Director Workforce Development for Region 8 at 617-466-2480 or 800-848-1300.



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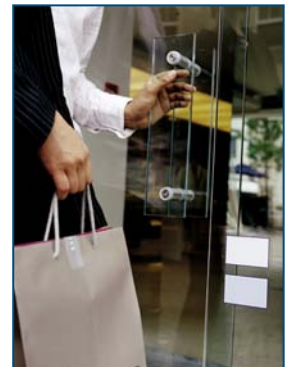
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Mentor Completes 2009 RETAIL VACANCY STUDY

The City of Mentor keeps a pulse of what's happening in its different real estate sectors. Each January, a survey of retail vacancy rates is conducted by the Department of Economic & Community Development. This helps the city with its marketing of available sites and establishes a comparative analysis. The survey examines two separate sectors, shopping centers greater than 50,000 square feet and those less than 50,000 square feet. Mentor has ten centers larger than 50,000 square feet which represents approximately 2.8 million square feet of retail space. Among those centers the vacancy rate in Mentor increased from 3% to 6% with the largest vacancies being at Great Lake Plaza (41,600 sq. ft. available) and Great Lakes Mall (37,000 square feet available). There is almost 700,000 square feet of additional retail space in 27 shopping centers ranging in size from 11,000 square feet to 45,800 square feet. The vacancy rate among these "convenience" centers is 13%, a 2% increase from the 2008 report. The combined vacancy rate for all retail in the City of Mentor's 37 shopping centers is approximately 8%, up from 5% in 2008. [Click here to learn more.](#)



NEW MENTOR BUSINESSES

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