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## **Ohio Chamber Presents Cool Containers, LLC with the Excellence in Entrepreneurship Award**

*Company receives \$25,000 for development of unique shipping container*

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Cool Containers, LLC of Marietta, Ohio was named the 2010 Ohio Chamber of Commerce Excellence in Entrepreneurship award winner, May 11 at the Capitol Theatre in the Riffe Center in downtown Columbus. The award was presented during the Ohio Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting & Legislative Reception. The Marietta Chamber of Commerce nominated Cool Containers, LLC for this prestigious award.

The award is designed to identify, honor and financially assist a company in Ohio that is demonstrating the historical innovative spirit of our state. The award recipient best demonstrates this entrepreneurial spirit through a recently introduced or pending introduction of a unique product or service that will have the ability to sustain long-term growth for the company, increase local employment and assist in the creation of economic prosperity within the state. The award comes with statewide recognition and a check for \$25,000. The nominating chamber receives a check for \$1,000.

Founded this year, the four person company has invented the PharmaPort 360, a tightly controlled refrigerated container designed for the safe shipment of high-value pharmaceuticals. Depending on the success of the business, it is hoped that 50 to 150 new high-paying jobs can be created in the Marietta area. Those jobs would include skilled assemblers, technicians, engineers, sales and marketing managers and associates, service engineers and administrative personnel. The company is currently waiting for FAA Certification.

“In honor of our state’s history of innovators and entrepreneurs, the Ohio Chamber of Commerce created this award to recognize those who continue to take considerable initiative and risk in creating new products and services,” explained President and CEO of the Ohio Chamber of Commerce Andrew E. Doehrel. “The PharmaPort 360 developed by Cool Containers LLC is fulfilling an important world-wide need and is an excellent example of Ohio’s innovative spirit.”

According to the Cool Containers, LLC there is a strong demand for this product by the transportation and pharmaceutical industries as there is a real need for a product that can effectively meet the temperature control needs for sensitive pharmaceuticals and also meet FAA safety requirements.

Local chambers of commerce submitted nominations early this spring. From those nominees, 17 were selected to compete for the award. An award committee, made up of members from the Ohio Chamber’s board of directors, reviewed the detailed applications and selected the top three finalists: Cool Containers, LLC, Shearer’s Foods, Inc., in Brewster (nominated by the Jackson-Belden Chamber of Commerce) and Syncro Medical Innovations, Inc. from Youngstown (nominated by the Youngstown/Warren Regional Chamber). From those top three, Cool Containers, LLC was selected as the award winner.

The 17 finalists for this year's Ohio Chamber of Commerce Excellence in Entrepreneurship award and the chambers that nominated them were:

Advanced Fiber Technology, Bucyrus, Bucyrus Area Chamber of Commerce  
Caring Partners International, Inc., Franklin, Franklin Area Chamber of Commerce  
Cool Containers, LLC, Marietta, Marietta Area Chamber of Commerce  
Dynamic Management & Consulting, LLC, Perry, Madison Perry Area Chamber of Commerce  
IMAX Industries, Inc., Painesville, Painesville Area Chamber of Commerce  
Koford Engineering, Winchester, Adams County Chamber of Commerce  
Lake Shore Cryotronics, Inc., Westerville, Westerville Area Chamber of Commerce  
Nextronex Energy Systems, LLC, Millbury, Toledo Regional Chamber of Commerce  
Old West Festival, LLC, Cincinnati, Brown County Chamber of Commerce  
Ohio Energy & Advanced Manufacturing Center, Lima, Lima-Allen County Chamber of Commerce  
One Call Now, Troy, Troy Area Chamber of Commerce  
Shearer's Foods, Inc., Brewster, Jackson-Belden Chamber of Commerce  
Soaring Software Solutions, Swanton, Swanton Area Chamber of Commerce  
Syncro Medical Innovations, Inc., Youngstown, Youngstown/Warren Regional Chamber  
The Allen Company, Blanchester, Blanchester Area Chamber of Commerce  
The Wooden Horse Corporation, Norwalk, Norwalk-Huron County Chamber of Commerce  
Travel Solutions, Inc., New Albany, New Albany Chamber of Commerce

With 4,000 members ranging from small businesses to international companies, the Ohio Chamber of Commerce represents Ohio's business voice. Founded in 1893, the Ohio Chamber is one of the state's oldest business organizations. The Ohio Chamber is led by a volunteer board of directors that consists of 66 business leaders from all over the state.

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