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Q&A with Alex Beres, Executive Director of the Clinton County Port Authority

In this edition of *Development Incentives Quarterly*, we welcome Alex Beres, executive director of the Clinton County Port Authority. We discuss how he got his start in economic development, what "success" in economic development has meant to him over his career, and why the port authority form of government in Ohio is the "ultimate economic development tool."

Building Data Centers in New or Secondary Markets: Challenges and Strategies

As the demand for cloud computing, digital services, data storage and artificial intelligence capabilities continues to skyrocket, the data center industry is rapidly expanding beyond traditional hubs. To satisfy the increasing demand, data center developers are increasingly looking to new or secondary markets as attractive alternatives. While these emerging locations may offer opportunities in terms of cost and land availability, they also come with unique challenges that require strategic planning and execution.

Welcome to the Era of Maritime Prosperity Zones and the Rebirth of the American Shipbuilding Industry

One of the pillars of the Trump Administration has been a desire to rebuild the shipbuilding and repairing business in the United States. To that end the White House recently issued an Executive Order defining Maritime Prosperity Zones (MPZs) to be created across the United States, in a manner similar to the Federal Opportunity Zone (OZ) program that was created under the first Trump administration.