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# News Release

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## **Ficano Trade Mission Promotes Environment and Energy**

**WAYNE COUNTY, MI** – Wayne County Executive Robert A. Ficano's fourth China trade mission will promote environmental and energy businesses.

"Wayne County can be a leader in providing jobs and economic opportunity for Michigan businesses in China," said Ficano, "the Chinese have a multi-billion dollar need for environmental and energy knowledge, and our local businesses are recognized leaders in this field. It's my goal to bring these groups together so we can create jobs here in Michigan."

In 2007, Ficano and County Environment Director Kurt Heise signed environmental cooperation agreements with four Chinese cities. This year, Ficano and Heise will introduce six environmental businesses and consultants to the cities of Shanghai, Wuji, Chongqing, and Beijing. Ficano also expects to sign two new environmental agreements with the cities of Wuxi and Changchun.

Environmental and energy-related businesses joining Ficano in China will include Atwell-Hicks, Carbon Credit International, CTI Environmental, Hamilton-Anderson, BEI Environmental, and the Miller-Canfield law firm's environmental practice group.

"Wayne County is the only government in Michigan that is opening doors for environmental businesses in China," said Ficano. "I'm confident we will create more opportunities this year, and bring even more environmental and energy-related businesses to China in the future."

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