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Delaware County's Economic Development Director Bob Lamb Named One of "Forty Under 40"

DELAWARE, Ohio — Delaware County Director of Economic Development Bob Lamb is in elite company: *Columbus Business First*, a leading business publication in central Ohio, has named Lamb to their "Forty Under 40" Class of 2016. This annual award program recognizes rising professionals and business leaders from the area who already are making a mark in their fields while still under the age of 40.

Lamb, 34, was tapped to fill the Delaware County post last August. He came to the county from the city of Upper Arlington, where he had served as Community and Economic Development Manager. Prior to that, he was the Economic Development Administrator for the city of Glendale, Ariz. Lamb earned his undergraduate degree in history from Bowling Green State University and a joint master's degree in urban planning and law degree from Cleveland State University and Cleveland-Marshall School of Law. Bob and his wife Krystina Lamb are expecting their first child this summer.

"It's an honor to be included in the 2016 Forty Under 40 class," Lamb said, "but it's also great to see Delaware County included. We're a part of the bigger picture here in central Ohio and honors like this make that clear."

During his time with Delaware County, Lamb has already launched an economic-development strategic plan study and a business-retention study, both of which should be complete by the end of 2016, and will help position the county for continued growth.

According to *Columbus Business First*, more than 240 nominations were received for this year's contest, which is the 24th time they have hosted it. The honorees will be recognized at a May 24 gala at Hollywood Casino Columbus and will be featured in the May 27 issue of the weekly business publication.

Past honorees include Jeni Britton Bauer, founder and president of Jeni's Spendid Ice Creams; Mid-Ohio Foodbank Executive Director Matt Habash; Donna James, vice president of human resources for Nationwide Insurance; and Cynthia Monroe, founder and CEO of Thirty-One Gifts.

Lamb's class for 2016 includes members from the medical, nonprofit, financial services, legal, political and academic realms. Another member is Angie Lewis, daughter-in-law of Delaware County Commissioner Barb Lewis and a director at the accounting firm Crowe Horwath.

For the full story from *Columbus Business First*, go to <http://www.bizjournals.com/columbus/>. For more information about Delaware County's Economic Development department, please visit our website at <http://www.delawarecountyecondev.com/>.

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Photo attached (Bob Lamb headshot)

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