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**BUCKEYE INSTITUTE ANNOUNCES NEW PRESIDENT**

*Kevin Holtsberry named to lead Ohio Think Tank*

February 6, 2012—COLUMBUS, Ohio - The Buckeye Institute for Public Policy Solutions announced today that Kevin Holtsberry has been chosen as the next president of the organization.

“We are excited about the vision Kevin has for Buckeye,” said Greg Lashutka, Chairman of the Board of Trustees. “Kevin’s strong background in communications and his experience in state government make him an excellent choice to grow Buckeye into one of the premiere state think tanks in the country.”

“Freedom, opportunity, responsibility and community – these are the values that make Ohio great,” said Holtsberry. “These are also the values the Buckeye Institute brings to its work on public policy. I am excited about the chance to foster an environment in Ohio where these ideas drive public policy and help our state become a vibrant, growing and attractive place to live and work.”

Kevin Holtsberry has a decade of experience in state government - in both policy and communications - including work in the General Assembly, The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio and The Auditor of State’s office.

Holtsberry has recently been focused on strategic communications and public affairs as a writer, editor and consultant to candidates, organizations and advocacy groups. He has particular expertise in social media and online outreach. He was the New Media Director for Rob Portman’s successful US Senate campaign in 2010.

Holtsberry has been involved in online and opinion journalism for over ten years. He has written for *National Review* and *National Review Online* as well as *Human Events*, *The Washington Times* and *The Huffington Post*. He has a Masters Degree from Bowling Green State University, a Bachelors Degree from Taylor University and lives in Columbus with his wife and two children.

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