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### **Kirwan Legal Advice Helps Cincinnati Group Target Local Hiring**

When The AMOS Project in Cincinnati launches a campaign today to promote local hiring through stimulus contracting at a time of ten percent countywide unemployment, it plans to reference a memo drafted by the Kirwan Institute as a launching pad for county reforms that can open job opportunities.

The Kirwan memo, regarding the legality and constitutionality of "local hiring" by county authority in Ohio, was drafted by Caitlin Watt, legal research associate. It provides legal rationale for a local hiring policy which would direct a percentage of county-funded construction to come from the county, and specifically from low-income communities.

The AMOS Project is a coalition of congregations in Greater Cincinnati dedicated to promoting justice and improving the quality of life for all residents in Hamilton County and Ohio. The Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity at The Ohio State University partners with people, communities, and institutions worldwide to think about, talk about, and act on race in ways that create and expand opportunity for all.