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Clean Room Space Now Available

When a company looking for clean room space with security protocols and a strong workforce went looking and had to be turned away, the message was clear. "Time to build!" The Port Authority responded with something unheard of—building a Class 10,000 clean room on speculation. Until recently, the space was

occupied by a life sciences firm using the space as labs for DNA analysis. Clean rooms are used for everything from food and pharma packaging to small component electronics and optical assembly.



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Introducing Seminary Ridge Park

On December 2, 2016, the Port Authority closed on the purchase of 300 acres of the former seminary property owned by the Catholic Diocese of Columbus in Central Licking County. "The Catholic Diocese cooperated greatly with the Port Authority to make the purchase possible and to be patient as we worked through some title issues," said CEO Rick Platt. As was first reported in May 2015, the Port Authority sees the 300-acre purchase as fulfilling its role as an industrial land bank preparing future manufacturing-oriented, rail-served industrial sites. Increased planning and pre-development activities are well underway on Seminary Ridge Business Park.

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\$2.3MM Capital Projects in 2017

The Port Authority budgetted \$2.3 million for capital projects in 2017, including the first part of a renovation of the 8,600 s.f. Horton Building Annex, a redevelopment of part of the Air Force's original "Building 2" complex. Additional phases of major roof, security, land acquisition, and utility updates are also slated. Not in the budget is a 2017 edition of the Port Authority's 20,000 sq.

ft. spec buildings. Should lease or sale cause it, though, the Port Authority is ready to build again.



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