The Cleveland Orchestra
The Cleveland Orchestra is one of the most sought-after performing ensembles in the world. It consistently sets standards of artistic excellence, creative programming and community engagement, whether performing at Severance Hall and Blossom Music Center — its winter and summer homes, respectively — or in venues around the world. The 2011–2012 season marks the 10th year of the orchestra’s partnership with music director Franz Welser-Most. Together, they have earned The Cleveland Orchestra unprecedented residencies in the United States and Europe, including one at the Musikverein in Vienna, Austria — the first of its kind by an American orchestra.

Hyland Software
Packy Hyland Jr. — a man who had never written a line of computer code in his life — started Hyland Software in 1991 by personally providing a Wisconsin bank with a better and cheaper records-management software program. Over the last two decades, the Westlake-based company has become a leader in the content-management software industry, serving more than 10,200 customers in 60 countries. Success has been built on its OnBase—brand document and process-management software, which allows users to convert paper documents into an electronic form that can be managed on their computer systems.

The Timken Co.
The Timken Co.’s applied knowledge of friction management and power transmission has made it a leading global designer and manufacturer of a variety of systems and components essential to motion and mechanical power — everything from highly engineered bearings to motion-control systems. Its technologies and products turn up virtually everywhere equipment moves or power is transmitted, including such diverse economic sectors as the aerospace, agricultural, alternative-energy, automotive, oil and gas, construction, health, mining, paper and rail industries. The company, which manages operations in 30 countries and territories from its Canton headquarters, posted sales of $4.1 billion in 2010.

Great Lakes Brewing Co.
Great Lakes Brewing Co. was the first microbrewery in the state of Ohio when brothers Patrick and Daniel Conway opened it in Cleveland on Sept. 6, 1988. Today, it is the Great Lakes region’s premier craft brewery and Ohio’s award-winning brewer of lagers and ales, producing upward of 100,000 barrels annually. Popular year-round offerings include Burning River Pale, Commodore Perry India Pale Ale, Dortmunder Gold Lager, Edmund Fitzgerald Porter and Eliot Ness Amber Lager. The Great Lakes Brewing Co. brewpub, located at 2356 Market Ave., boasts pub-exclusives beers as well as a menu of sandwiches, salads, pizzas and burgers prepared with fresh produce, meats and dairy products from local farms.
Hathaway Brown School
Hathaway Brown School is an independent day school for girls K-12 located in the Cleveland suburb of Shaker Heights. The 135-year-old institution — the oldest girls' school in Ohio — breaks the traditional educational mold on its 16-acre campus with offerings that include the Center for Global Citizenship, where students explore pressing international questions; and the Science Research & Engineering Program, in which students do original lab-based research at such world-class institutions as the Cleveland Clinic and NASA Glenn Research Center. Hundreds of educators have visited Hathaway Brown in recent years to study its innovative approaches.

Team NEO
Team NEO advances Northeast Ohio's economy by attracting businesses from around the globe to the 18-county region. The Cleveland-based organization is a joint venture of the region's largest metropolitan chambers of commerce. Since 2007, Team NEO has attracted 47 new company expansions or relocations, 3,800 new jobs and contributed more than $151 million in annual payroll to Northeast Ohio, resulting in a total annual regional payroll benefit of more than $257 million.

Team NEO also works to diversify the region’s economy by helping companies in the biomedical, advanced energy, advanced manufacturing and other growth industries expand and invest in the “Cleveland Plus” region.

The Sherwin-Williams Co.
Founded in 1866, The Sherwin-Williams Co. is a global leader in the manufacture, development, distribution and sale of coatings and related products to professional, industrial, commercial and retail customers. Sales of $7.7 billion in 2010 make the Cleveland-based company the No. 1 paint and coatings producer in the United States, and the No. 3 such operation in the world. Products are manufactured under the Sherwin-Williams name, as well as other well-known brands such as Dutch Boy, Krylon, Minwax and Thompson's Water Seal. Sherwin-Williams-branded paints and coatings are sold exclusively through a chain of 3,390 company-operated locations in the United States.

Lake Erie
Lake Erie is the fourth largest of the Great Lakes and the 13th-largest lake in the world, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Great Lakes Environmental Research Laboratory. Perhaps the greatest asset it provides is its 127 trillion gallons of fresh water — a valuable resource in an increasingly thirsty world. The lake also supports shipping, fishing, recreation and tourism. Over 200 million tons of cargo move through the Great Lakes each year. According to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, more than 4.13 million pounds of fish with a dockside value of over $4.12 million were commercially harvested in 2010. Another 958,000 pounds were caught by sport fishermen.