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The **Ohio Black Expo** has outgrown its beginnings as a fledgling event with a tiny staff.

As of this month, the exposition has a board composed of more than 30 people representing corporations and organizations throughout the state.

This summer the exposition, which shows off minority businesses from **Ohio**, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Illinois and other states, will be held at Veterans Memorial instead of the Focal Point at Mt. Vernon Plaza. Last year the event drew 225 exhibitors and more than 30,000 visitors.

"We are creating a statewide humanitarian organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for **Ohio's** minority citizens by stimulating economic initiative and cultural awareness," said Rhonda Robinson, executive director of **Ohio Black Expo**.

Tim Widman, spokesman for **Ohio Black Expo**, said the event is "the largest business event of any kind currently taking place in central **Ohio**."

Some of the groups and companies represented on the **Ohio Black Expo** board are the Main St. Business Association, McDonald's restaurants, the Columbus Metropolitan Area Church Board, Bank One, Society Bank, Huntington National Bank, the **Ohio** State University **Black** Studies Department, the **Ohio** AFL-CIO and Ward Moving & Storage Co.

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