



Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission

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[OVRDC's Full Commission Banquet](#)

You are cordially invited to attend the Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission

Annual Full Commission Appreciation Banquet

Guest Speaker:

Earl Gohl, Federal Co-Chairman

Appalachia Regional Commission

Thursday, September 27, 2012

to be held in

Vinton County

at the

Vinton County High School Cafetorium

Vinton County High School

63910 US Highway 50

McArthur, Ohio 45651

[Click here for Registration Form & Map](#)

[OVRDC Community and Economic Development Conference](#)

On October 11, 2012, OVRDC will be conducting an all-day community/economic development conference at the Shawnee Lodge & Conference Center in Friendship, Ohio.

Conference Summary

Financing a community or economic development project is not an easy task. Understanding programs, requirements, and funding sources is a constant challenge for infrastructure financing experts, not to mention those just getting started.

The OVRDC Community and Economic Development Conference is here to help. Staff from JobsOhio, Ohio EPA, ARC, USDA, OPWC, EDA and OVRDC will be presenting information and answering your questions about understanding program eligibility and requirements.

Who Should Attend

The OVRDC Community and Economic Development Conference can assist everyone from the professional to the amateur. Past participants have included local government officials and staff, economic and community development professionals, and private consultants. However, anyone interested in infrastructure financing should attend! **Please dress casually for your comfort.**

Fees

Please fill out the attached registration form with your registration fee of \$60 by September 21st to OVRDC. The fee covers all meals and handbooks containing key program information and contacts. Seating is limited, so please register soon!

Lodging

A block of rooms has been reserved for October 11th and 12th at a special rate of \$85.00 per night. To make reservations, please call (740) 858-6621. Be sure to identify yourself as a participant of the OVRDC Community and Economic Development Conference.

[Click here for Agenda, Directions and Registration form.](#)

[How Government Can Join with Non-profits To Become Good Development Partners](#)

On September 21, 10 a.m. at Ohio University Southern, Ironton, Ohio, the Ohio Conference of Community Development, Inc. (OCCD) invites you to participate in the third regional information sessions around the State of Ohio designed to:

- ◆ **Involve** membership unable to attend trainings and quarterly meetings due to travel, short staff, new to position, etc.;
- ◆ **Promote** the value of OCCD membership, attending trainings and quarterly meeting;
- ◆ **Educate** local, state and federal elected officials on the value CDBG and HOME funded programs that are available;
- ◆ And highlight the success stories of the region.

The Ohio Department of Development Office of Community Development will speak on the programs that are available to you and your communities. In addition there will be a bus tour sponsored by the Ironton-Lawrence County Community Action Organization. The narrated tour will show application of featured programs in the field, discussing how government/nonprofit partnerships can work in unison. Some focused projects include Brownfield projects, The Point Intermodal Industrial Park, economic development projects, Downtown Revitalization Projects and more.

In Downtown Ironton, enjoy a luncheon prepared using produce from the Lawrence County Workfarm, part of a new Alternative Sentencing Program implemented in Lawrence County. During this informal luncheon, round table discussions lead by local facilitators, area development leaders and a brief presentation of the Community's newest Customer Services Initiative will be heard.

Please join OCCD as they strive to enhance the livability of the cities, towns and communities of the state of Ohio through the elimination and prevention of urban blight and physical, economic and social obsolescence and through the development and preservation of well planned and economically sound urban areas with adequate community facilities, housing and suitable industrial and commercial development.

[Click here for Agenda.](#)

[State Hosting Ohio Business Expo on September 19, 2012](#)

A priority for the State of Ohio is to expand access to state contracts for minority, women-owned and small businesses. On Wednesday, September 19 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. the State will be hosting the 2012 Ohio Business Expo at the Rhodes Center at the Ohio Expo Center in Columbus.

This free expo will allow Ohio business owners to network with purchasing professionals from state agencies regarding upcoming contracting and procurement opportunities.

"The goal of the expo is for businesses to meet one-on-one with procurement officers and buyers from state agencies to discuss how to work together to provide the goods and services the State of Ohio requires," said Director Robert Blair of the Ohio Department of Administrative Services, which is sponsoring the expo in partnership with the Ohio Department of Development.

The state spent more than \$250 million with certified Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) and Encouraging Diversity, Growth and Equity (EDGE) firms during fiscal year 2011. The MBE program is the state's minority business set-aside program. EDGE is a business and economic development program for economically and socially disadvantaged businesses.

The expo will include workshops about resources available to certified MBE and EDGE firms.

"The Ohio Business Expo is a great networking opportunity, which connects Ohio businesses to state agencies," said Christiane Schmenk, director of the Ohio Department of Development. "The state needs reliable services and dependable products, and this expo provides the perfect platform to make valuable business connections."

Admission is free. Parking is \$5.

Registration for the expo is preferred, but walk-ins are welcome. To register or learn more about the expo or the state's MBE and EDGE programs, visit the Ohio Department of Administrative Services' website at das.ohio.gov/cod or call 614.466.8380.

[Local Transportation Management Virtual Conference and Innovation Showcase](#)

All local Ohio roadway agencies have a unique opportunity to participate in a virtual conference being provided by the American Road and Transportation Builders Association (ARTBA) – "LoTrans 2012 – Local Transportation Management Virtual Conference and Innovation Showcase" – September 18 to 20, 2012.

The conference is unique in that it is virtual – delivered directly to your desktop! It features national experts addressing topics important to local roadway agencies and including:

- Local road traffic safety
- Transportation management
- Communicating maintenance and infrastructure needs in the community
- Emergency operations
- Federal-aid essentials for public agencies
- Transportation communication and advocacy 101
- FHWA "Every Day Counts" for locals
- Bridge preservation

There is NO COST to participate. Review the schedule of sessions available at:

<http://www.lotransvirtualconference.org/local-transportation-asset-management/>

You can register to 'attend' LoTrans at: <https://artba.6connex.com/portal/LoTrans/register>

You can visit the conference website at: <http://www.lotransvirtualconference.org/>

[Upcoming Events in Ohio](#)

Featured Event! September 26, 2012 – The SBA in collaboration with the SBDC and ITAC at Columbus State Community College, the OSU Fisher College of Business International Programs Office, and other partners will host an **Export Matchmaker** in Columbus, Ohio. This event will feature a trade show, one-on-one meetings with international trade facilitators, and breakout sessions on various international topics. For more information, please contact [Alex Kohls](mailto:Alex.Kohls) at 614-633-6372. Registration closes on Thursday September 20, 2012! <http://fisher.osu.edu/international/events/export-matchmaker-trade-fair-&-conference/>

September 20-24, 2012 – The Dayton SCORE in collaboration with CoxMedia Group will host three free sessions on **Information and Assessment** for your business. This two hour interactive session will provide excellent insight into your business and how to be successful. To register, please visit www.daytonscore.org.

Thursday September 20th – The CoxMedia Group headquarters

Saturday September 22nd – The Entrepreneur's Center

Monday September 24th – Day Air Credit Union

September 21, 2012, the U.S. Global Leadership Coalition in partnership with Columbus Council on World Affairs will host a breakfast at the Hyatt Regency in Columbus. The featured speakers, Senator Bill Frist (R-TN, 1995-2007) and Governor Bill Richardson (D-NM, 2003-2011), will discuss America's role in the world and its impact on Ohio's future. This event is FREE for all participants. Please RSVP [here](http://www.usgcl.org). For more information, contact Avi Glandon at aglandon@usgcl.org.

September 21, 2012 – The International Trade Assistance Center (ITAC) at Wright State University will host a series of workshops on Understanding ITAR requirements. This session's topic is **Export Licensing Application Process**. To register, please visit www.sbdcsu.com.

September 21, 2012 – The Greater Cincinnati Chinese Chamber of Commerce in collaboration with the Ohio State University, Cincinnati USA Partnership, and JobsOhio will be hosting **Ohio and China: Partners in Economic Growth** in Cincinnati. This event will feature an Executive China Round Table Panel Discussion with lawyers from the Beijing Lawyers Association (BLA). To register, please visit www.china-midwest.com.

September 21-28, 2012 - The Ohio Department of Development in partnership with the Council of Great Lakes Governors is leading a multi-sector **Trade Mission to the United Arab Emirates and Qatar** for small- to medium-sized exporters. The mission will be making stops in Dubai and Abu Dhabi, UAE and Doha, Qatar. For more information, please contact [Emily Tucker](mailto:Emily.Tucker) at (614)466-5336 and visit www.IMAGE.development.ohio.gov to apply for a 50% reimbursement!

September 24-27, 2012 – The SBA in collaboration with SCORE, SBDCs, and the FBI will host a "road show" of seminars on **Cyber Security** presented by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). These FREE events are non-technical and will discuss the threats that small businesses face and how to mitigate their impact. To register, please click on the city below:

Monday September 24th - [Cincinnati](#)

Tuesday September 25th - [Dayton](#)

Wednesday September 26th - [Columbus](#)

Thursday September 27th - [Chillicothe](#)

September 23-26, 2012 – The FDA and Xavier University will host the **FDA/Xavier University Global Outsourcing Conference** in Cincinnati. This event is for the pharmaceutical industry on the challenges of maintaining product safety amidst complex global outsourcing supply chain models. To register, please visit www.XavierGOC.com.

September 25, 2012 – Xavier University will be hosting a 12-part series for the Medical Device Industry on **Design Inputs**. This session will focus on **Design Inputs**. To register, please visit www.qarainstitute.com/module-3-design-inputs.

September 26, 2012 – The SBA in collaboration with Edison Community College SBDC will host the **HUBZone Boot Camp** in Sidney, Ohio. This program is designed to introduce, determine eligibility, and support businesses interested in the Historically Underutilized Business Zone program. To register, contact [Jill Nagy-Reynolds](mailto:Jill.Nagy-Reynolds) at 614-469-6860 ext. 238.

October 3, 2012 – The India-US Business Network (IUSBN) in collaboration with Cincinnati USA Partnership and the U.S. Commercial Service Cincinnati will host the event **India Comes to Cincinnati** in Cincinnati. This event will feature the Senior Commercial Officer for the Foreign Investment in New Delhi and the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) consultant in India for the Cincinnati USA Partnership. To register, please visit [here](http://www.uscsc.com).

October 3, 2012 – The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission's (MORPC) will host the **Summit on Sustainability & the Environment** in Columbus, Ohio. This program is part of the EcoSummit 2012 and will help aid community leaders, businesses and individuals in going green. For more information, please contact [Brandi Whetstone](mailto:Brandi.Whetstone) at 614-233-4174 or visit www.greenregion.org.

October 5-6, 2012 - Sister Cities International (SCI) will be hosting the **2012 Midwest Regional Conference** in Cincinnati. The focus of the Conference will be "Diversity in Action" and it will feature a number of speakers and workshops all dealing with this important topic. SCI members and non-members from the 12 states in the Midwest Region will be in attendance. For more information please visit <http://www.sister-cities.org/regional-conferences>.

October 10, 2012 – Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission (OVRDC) in collaboration with JobsOhio, Ohio EPA, ARC, USDA, OPWC, and EDA will be hosting a **Community and Economic Development Conference** at the Shawnee Lodge near Portsmouth, Ohio. This event will focus on topics such as financing programs, requirements, and sources for community and economic development projects. To register or learn more, please contact [Melody Thompson](mailto:Melody.Thompson) at 1-800-223-7491.

October 20, 2012 – The International Trade Assistance Center (ITAC) at Wright State University will host a series of workshops on Understanding ITAR requirements. This session's topic is **Putting It All Together: Export Compliance Systems**. To register, please visit www.sbdcsu.com.

December 3-7, 2012 - The U.S. Commercial Service is leading an **Aerospace and Defense Trade Mission to Turkey** for small- to medium-sized exporters. The mission will be making stops in Ankara and Istanbul. For more information, please contact [Amy Magai](mailto:Amy.Magai) at (213) 894-3966 and visit www.IMAGE.development.ohio.gov to apply for a 50% reimbursement!

Deadline approaching! The Ohio International Market Access Grant for Exporters (IMAGE) program is accepting applications!