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OVRDC ANNOUNCEMENTS

John Hemmings, OVRDC Executive Director announces OVRDC's newest staff member Jessica Hollis, Economic Development Specialist effective July 12, 2010. In her new position, Jessica will be responsible for providing technical assistance and research with economic development and business development planning/research projects. Jessica received a BA from Shawnee State University and resides in Portsmouth, OH. We would like to welcome Jessica to the OVRDC family.



Regional Meeting to Advance Ohio's Economic Growth and Prosperity.



Your Ideas Can Shape the Future of Transportation in Ohio

Business and community leaders are invited to join the Ohio Department of Transportation for a regional meeting on the Go OHIO Transportation Futures Plan. The overall goal of the Go OHIO effort is to advance Ohio's economic growth and prosperity. The plan will do this by delivering a detailed blueprint for transforming Ohio's vast road, rail, transit, maritime, air, and bicycle/pedestrian systems into one, fully integrated system that will help ignite the economy and bring value to communities across the state.

Participants will have an opportunity to hear about and provide input on how the Go OHIO plan can best support business and communities at the regional level.

Go OHIO Transportation Futures Plan, Southeast Ohio Meeting Thursday, August 12, 2010, 1-2:30pm

Holiday Inn Marietta, 701 Pike Street, Marietta, OH 45750

Go OHIO is Designed to Include:

1. Policies that will help develop efficient, high-value multimodal transportation solutions.
2. A step-by-step process to identify the most strategic elements of Ohio's transportation system.
3. Identification of high priority transportation needs that have the potential to contribute to economic growth.
4. Specific performance measures that will improve accountability for future state investments.

RSVP to:

Debbie Cox, Division of Transportation System Development
Ohio Department of Transportation
614.466.2307 or Debra.Cox@dot.state.oh.us

We look forward to seeing you on August 12, 2010, and your help in moving Ohio into a prosperous new world! If you are a business or community leader that should be at this meeting, please pass along this e-mail invitation. Space is limited, RSVP today!

For more information on Go OHIO, please visit www.go.ohio.gov.

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Ohio RCAP's Rural Community Conference

AUGUST 24 & 25, 2010

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For more information, please visit: [Brochure & Registration Form](#)

Community Small Grant Program

SUMMARY: The Ohio Attorney General's Office is offering funding for projects that address local needs related to youth and families, the elderly, people with disabilities and others.

ELIGIBILITY: 501(c)(3) organizations

AWARD: Varies, from \$2,000 to \$10,000, totaling \$200,000.

DEADLINE: September 15, 2010 at 4 p.m.

FULL ANNOUNCEMENT: <http://www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/CommunitySmallGrant>

Clean Ohio Assistance Fund Updates

Effective immediately, the COAF program for cleanup applications is suspended. Projects which have already completed a Project Resource and Advisory Meeting (PRAM) and those already under review exceed the allocation of funds available for cleanup for FY 2011. All projects which have conducted a PRAM may submit their applications for consideration.

Phase II assessment grant dollars continue to be available and applications may be submitted at anytime <http://clean.ohio.gov/BrownfieldRevitalization/AssistanceFundApplication.htm> A new Priority Investment Areas Map is available online: <http://clean.ohio.gov/BrownfieldRevitalization/BrownfieldRevitalizationMaps.htm> The Ohio Priority Investment Areas map identifies the counties and municipalities that are eligible for the COAF program.

Clean Ohio Revitalization Fund Updates

A newly updated Disbursement Manual is available online. One particular revision of note, grant funds will no longer be disbursed without proof of payment for previous draws (i.e. proof of payment to contractors from Draw 1 must be included with Draw 2 information). Disbursement information is available on the Information for Grantees webpage: <http://clean.ohio.gov/BrownfieldRevitalization/InformationForGrantees.htm>

On July 19, 2010, the state Controlling Board approved all CORF Round 8 applications. <http://development.ohio.gov/newsroom/2010PR/May/16.htm>

CORF Round 9 is scheduled to begin on July 21, 2010. Applications are anticipated from 12 of the 19 Ohio Public Works Districts. Round 9 has \$22.9M available for eligible projects.

Grant Opportunities and Conferences updates:

IEDC Annual Conference September 26-29, 2010 Columbus, OH <http://www.iedconline.org/annualconference/index.html>

Reclaiming Vacant Properties Conference October 13-15, 2010 Cleveland, OH <http://reclaimingvacantproperties.org/>

Ohio Brownfield Conference January 19-20, 2011 Dublin, OH <http://epa.ohio.gov/derr/OhioBrownfieldConference.aspx>

National Brownfield Conference April 3-5, 2011 Philadelphia, PA <http://www.brownfields2011.org/en/index.aspx>

Proposals for ARRA RFP Due August 23, 2010 for "Waste to Value" projects

RFP Information: http://www.development.ohio.gov/recovery/energy/documents/ARRASEPTransformingWastetoValueRFP_Main.pdf

FAQ's: <http://www.development.ohio.gov/recovery/energy/documents/QuestionsandAnswers.pdf>

Funding for Assessment and Remediation to Address Petroleum Releases from Underground Storage Tanks

The [Bureau of Underground Storage Tank Regulations](#) (BUSTR) announce a funding opportunity they have available. As part of ARRA, BUSTR is offering funding for assessment and remediation to address petroleum releases from underground storage tanks in all [eight regions of the State](#).

Applicable sites for the ARRA program must have been contaminated due to a release of petroleum from an underground storage tank. In addition, BUSTR must have established that viable responsible parties no longer exist to perform the regulatory required investigation and clean up of the contamination.

If you are interested in, or have questions regarding this opportunity, please call the BUSTR office at 614-752-7938 or email websfm@com.state.oh.us.

Tax Credit Workshop

Heritage Ohio presents a Tax Credit Workshop on August 13, 2010 in Ironton, OH. Please join us at the Lawrence County Workforce Development Center located at 123 North 3rd Street, 10 am to 3 pm. To register visit their website at www.heritageohio.org. Learn how to make Federal & State Historic Tax Credits work for your historic building!

Heritage Ohio helps people to save the places that matter; build community and live better. Heritage Ohio is the leading statewide, not-for-profit preservation organization, dedicated to encouraging and assisting people and organizations to protect and preserve Ohio's heritage and cultural resources. Formed in 2000, Heritage Ohio has more than 500 members ranging from individuals and households to organizations and local governments. In 2002, Heritage Ohio was designated as the statewide partner of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Learn more at <http://www.heritageohio.org/2010/07/16/tax-credit-workshop-august-13-2010>.