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POSITIONING APPALACHIA



POSITIONING APPALACHIA ECONOMIC GROWTH STRATEGIES FOR SUCCESS

Learn about industry trends and opportunities in Appalachia
Tips & tools for community economic development strategies

TOPICS INCLUDE

*National industry trends – Future of manufacturing in Ohio
Business incubation – Site selection – Innovative strategies*

SPEAKERS INCLUDE

The Honorable Sherrod Brown, United States Senator
Jeff Finkle, President /CEO, International Economic Development Council

NETWORKING RECEPTION

August 9, 2011
Ohio University Innovation Center
340 West State Street, Athens, Ohio
5:30-6:30 pm
Tour and hors d'oeuvres

CONFERENCE

August 10, 2011
Ohio University Inn
331 Richland Avenue, Athens, Ohio
Registration 8:30, Event 9:00-5:00pm
No cost, lunch provided

REGISTER NOW

CALL 740.593.1786 EMAIL craycraf@ohio.edu
Deadline to Register: August 5, 2011
Discounted rooms available at Ohio University Inn, call 866.593.6661 to reserve.

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EMA ANNOUNCES FEDERAL PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE TO 21 OHIO COUNTIES FOR FLOOD AND STORM DAMAGE

The Ohio Emergency Management Agency (EMA) announced that President Barack Obama and the Federal Emergency Management Agency granted his request for a federal major disaster declaration for 21 Ohio counties as a result of flooding, flash flooding and severe storms that occurred April 4-May 15.

The 21 counties included in the federal declaration are: Adams, Athens, Belmont, Brown, Clermont, Gallia, Guernsey, Hamilton, Hocking, Jackson, Jefferson, Lawrence, Meigs, Monroe, Morgan, Noble, Pike, Ross, Scioto, Vinton and Washington.

“Federal, state and county teams surveyed the damage in these counties in early June,” said Nancy Dragani, Ohio EMA Executive Director. “They determined there had been as much as \$47 million in damage to public property and infrastructure.”

The FEMA Public Assistance Program provides supplemental federal disaster grant assistance for debris removal, emergency protective measures, and the repair, replacement, or restoration of disaster-damaged, publicly owned facilities.

The PA Program also encourages protection of these damaged facilities from future events by providing assistance for hazard mitigation measures during the recovery process. The federal share of assistance is not less than 75 percent of the eligible cost for emergency measures and permanent restoration from major disasters or emergencies declared by the President.

All counties in Ohio are eligible to apply for assistance under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. The Ohio Emergency Management Agency will disburse the federal funds upon receipt and processing of all required documentation.

Representatives from the Ohio EMA and FEMA will meet with local officials to further explain the public assistance application process.

GLOBAL MARKETS DIVISION ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR GOVERNOR’S EXCELLENCE IN EXPORTING AWARDS

It’s that time of year again when the Global Markets Division begins accepting applications for the Governor’s Excellence in Exporting Awards (aka the “E” Awards). Celebrating its 25th anniversary, this prestigious award is given to companies and entities that have excelled in conducting or promoting international trade.

This is an excellent opportunity to show-off the companies in your region who will be recognized statewide for all of their efforts.

To apply, please visit: <http://development.ohio.gov/globalmarkets/>.

The deadline to apply is August 19, 2011 and the award ceremony will be held in conjunction with the 4th Annual Global Summit on October 18th at the Ohio Union on the campus of Ohio State.

OHIO BROWNFIELDS UPDATE

Important announcements and updates to the Clean Ohio brownfields program and related programs are listed below followed by notices for upcoming training opportunities and conferences. Please contact the Urban Development Division at 614.995.2292 or visit website for additional information: <http://www.development.ohio.gov/urban/>

New - Clean Ohio Online Bid Notification Form and Report

All CORF and COAF projects are required to submit a Bid Notification Form online when either an RFP or RFQ process is underway. A revised form is now available online along with a new reporting site which provides a list of projects submitted within the last two months.

[New Bid Form](#)

[New Bid Form Submittal Report](#)

Clean Ohio Assistance Fund Update

And additional \$10M for the COAF program is now available (effective July 1, 2011). The majority of funding, 75%, will be utilized for projects requesting \$300,000 or less. This includes both assessment and cleanup projects. The remaining 25% of funding will be set aside for cleanup projects requesting more than \$300,000. Additionally, all cleanup applications are required to provide 10% matching funds. Application documents have been revised and are available online. Be sure to download the new version – [COAF Application](#).

The Priority Investment Area map has been updated for the July 2011 – December 2011 term. To be eligible for the COAF program, projects must be located within an area designated on the [Priority Investment Area map](#).

For questions concerning the COAF program please contact Shane Mathey at 614.466.1235 or via e-mail at shane.mathey@development.ohio.gov

Clean Ohio Revitalization Fund Update

The Clean Ohio Council CORF Round 10 Award Meeting was held on June 29, 2011. Seventeen projects received funding totaling over \$27M. A list of awardees is available online: [CORF Round 10 Awardees](#) along with the official [press release](#).

For Questions regarding the CORF program please contact Katie Courtright at 614.728.6939 or via e-mail at Katie.courtright@development.ohio.gov

Upcoming Conferences/Training/Grant Opportunities:

Lake Erie Protection Fund - small grant proposals are due on August 11th. Up to \$15,000 is available for projects that provide a direct benefit to Lake Erie or its tributaries (including brownfield assessment or cleanup). <http://www.lakeerie.ohio.gov/LakeErieProtectionFund.aspx>

September 16: [Northern Ohio's Clean Energy Future: Prosperity, Opportunity, Leadership](#)

September 27: [2011 Green Building Expo & Get Green Business Conference](#)

October 5th-6th: [2011 Ohio CDC Association Annual Conference](#)

October 19-21: [2011 APA Ohio State Conference](#)