



Ohio Construction Coalition

“News Blaster”

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PRESENTATIONS DETAILING ‘NEW’ OCC ARE BEING SCHEDULED FOR LOCATIONS AROUND THE STATE

On **March 7 in Hamilton (Butler County)** and **March 21 in Cleveland**, members of the “new” OCC’s transitional Board of Directors will be making presentations to area management and labor detailing how the OCC is re-forming itself into a “stronger, more inclusive and improved” labor-management group for taking on industry issues. Among other discussion, the presentations will explain exactly how the “new” OCC will focus on being an educational entity for decision-makers and the public at large on a broader, more statewide level in order to address issues such as prevailing wage and school construction.

The presentations consist of a brief but very informative PowerPoint show, followed by a comment and question/answer session led by OCC labor and management representatives.

Additional presentations are being planned for areas all over the state, including **Youngstown/Warren, Columbus, Akron/Canton, Cincinnati, Lima and Southeast Ohio.**

To schedule a presentation or to receive an invitation for a planned presentation on the formation of a “stronger, more inclusive and improved” OCC for your industry group, organization or association, please contact Bob Verhoff, executive director of Union Construction Industry Partnership and “new” OCC Board facilitator, at 440-366-4003.

OCC GETS STATE GRANT TO ASSIST IT WITH START-UP EFFORTS

The OCC, through the Great Lakes Organized Labor-Management Council, has received a \$5,000 grant from the Ohio Labor Management Cooperation Program (OLMCP) to assist it with “start-up” and capacity-building costs for the “new” OCC. The OCC must match the grant, so in effect it adds \$10,000 to the budget.

The OLMCP is a program of the Ohio Department of Development that “enhances the relationship between labor and management through work-site training programs, regular meetings, workshops and conferences.”

Bob Verhoff, who also runs the Great Lakes OLMC, wrote the grant proposal.

The OCC asks that all those interested in the welfare of the state’s construction industry contact their local senators and representatives to make sure they have received and reviewed the OCC’s Prevailing Wage booklet! For copies of the booklet and more information, contact Calvin Jefferson at cjefferson@bmamedia.com or 1-888-445-8255. (An electronic version is available, enabling you to print the booklet whenever needed.)

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