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### **Opportunity Corridor Section 2 Workforce & Business Development Kick-Off** *Opt-In for Opportunities* and Learn About Jobs and Careers in the Design and Construction Industry

**Cleveland, OH. . . June 30, 2016.** The Great Lakes Construction Company in partnership with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) will hold *Opt-In for Opportunities*, a kick-off event to announce workforce and business development opportunities on the second section of the Opportunity Corridor Project.

The free event will take place on Thursday, July 14 at Cleveland's historic Karamu House from 5 – 7:30 p.m. and will be centered on showcasing job/career and entrepreneurial opportunities in the design and construction industry relating to the Opportunity Corridor Phase 2.

The design and construction of this road offers many opportunities for companies and the individuals along with the individuals it hires. With an emphasis on diversity and inclusion in design and construction, Great Lakes Construction Company and GPD want to ensure that business owners are aware of the upcoming Section 2 Project and the possibilities it holds. Together through business and workforce development, the Design-Build Team plans to create opportunities for the community as a whole.

"All organizations exist to make people's lives better," said Ohio Dept. of Transportation Director Jerry Wray. "By way of this project, ODOT and our Design-Build partners are working together to create sustainable employment opportunities."

Participants are encouraged to attend and network with industry experts and professionals in the transportation sector. They will be inspired as panelists and construction company owners offer advice and techniques on getting hired in today's employment climate and heavy highway insight for business owners.

"As Great Lakes Construction Co. works to develop sustainable employment opportunities on this important project, we will target three key areas: Business Development, Workforce Development and Youth Education," said George Palko, President of Great Lakes Construction Co.

Simply Southern Sides, a minority- and woman-owned food service and catering company, will serve refreshments until 7 pm.

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Those interested in attending this free event must RSVP at <https://opportunitycorridorsection2kickoff.eventbrite.com> or call/text 216-220-7010.

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The Opportunity Corridor Section 2 involves the construction of a new roadway from E. 93rd Street to E. 105th Street; reconstruction of portions of E. 93rd Street, E. 105th Street, Quincy Avenue and Quebec Avenue; reconstruction of the E. 105th Street bridge over GCRTA and Norfolk Southern north of Quincy Avenue; extension of the existing GCRTA rail platform; and building demolitions in the City of Cleveland. Construction is expected to begin late-fall 2016 and be complete in the fall of 2018.

For more information on *Opt-In for Opportunities*, contact Montrie Rucker Adams, 440-684-9920.

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