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Cunningham Named OKI Director of Communications and Legislative Affairs

(Cincinnati) OKI Executive Director Mark Polincinski today announced the appointment of Brian Cunningham to serve as its director of communications and legislative affairs.

“Brian brings extensive governmental, media relations and transportation-related experience to OKI,” said Polincinski. “The hallmark of OKI is its dedicated and extraordinarily gifted staff. Brian will add to our excellence.”

Cunningham, 39, will oversee the day-to-day communications and legislative activities and serve as chief spokesman for OKI.

Christine Matacic, president of OKI, said, “OKI is a vital partner to many governmental and private organizations. Brian has all the attributes we need to continue and to improve our service to the region’s two million residents.”

Most recently, Cunningham was the communications director for former State Treasurer Jennette Bradley’s Office. Prior to that position he was the communications director for the Ohio Department of Transportation, joining ODOT in 1996 as a public information officer. Cunningham has also been a legislative liaison with the state departments’ of Human Services and Administrative Services and a legislative aide in the Ohio House of Representatives.

A native of Ottawa, Ohio, Cunningham received a bachelor’s of arts degree in public relations from Otterbein College and a 1985 graduate of Ottawa-Glandorf High School. He and his wife and two children currently live in Westerville and will be relocating to southwestern Ohio.

OKI is the Metropolitan Planning Organization representing the eight counties in southwest Ohio, northern Kentucky and one county in Indiana. OKI serves as a council of local governments, business organizations and community groups committed to developing collaborative strategies to improve the quality of life and the economic vitality of the region.

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