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OKI to Host Transportation Funding Workshop

Cincinnati, OH – The Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI) will be hosting a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) workshop for those interested in submitting transportation projects in Ohio. The workshop will be held on Tuesday, February 19, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. at the OKI offices, 720 East Pete Rose Way, Suite 420.

“These workshops are being held to educate eligible entities about the funding process and make receiving funds that much easier,” said OKI Board President Christine Maticic. “The training offered will provide a great benefit to the region as it will help to keep the Tri-State economically competitive.”

The workshop will provide information on submitting applications for transportation projects located in Butler, Clermont, Hamilton and Warren counties. The money is available through Surface Transportation Program or Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality funding.

OKI will be responsible for evaluating and ranking all eligible projects and submitting recommendations to the Ohio Department of Transportation. Eligible applicants include cities, counties and other municipalities.

Submitted projects must be consistent with the OKI 2030 Regional Transportation Plan. Requests for project funding should be delivered to OKI no later than 12 noon on Friday, April 18, 2008. Applicants must provide a certified or official cost estimate for each project request. It is anticipated that a list of recommended projects will be presented to OKI’s Intermodal Coordinating Committee and Executive Committee for approval in June. Copies of the application packet, scoring process and instructions will be presented at the workshop and are available on the OKI Web site at www.oki.org.

“One of OKI’s primary missions is to fund viable transportation projects within the region,” said Mark Policinski, executive director of OKI. “This workshop will aid the process of identifying projects that will have the most impact on improving the quality of life for area residents.”

OKI is a council of local governments, business organizations and community groups committed to developing collaborative strategies, plans and programs to improve the quality of life and the economic development potential of the Tri-State.

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