



## **OCA Future Leaders Forum**

The OCA Future Leaders Forum is soliciting for its inaugural 2009-2010 class. The purpose of this forum is to develop future leaders for the heavy/highway construction industry in the State of Ohio. The program will provide participants the opportunity to enhance their knowledge of construction-related topics in the areas of regulatory agencies, legislative processes, financing, highway program development, and the role of OCA as an industry advocate and member service provider.

The program will consist of seminars in each of these areas presented by the most highly experienced professionals the transportation industry has to offer in the State. Participants will travel to Columbus on four separate occasions during the second half of 2009 and the first half of 2010 to participate in these seminars.

### **Eligibility**

Class size is limited to 15 participants. Applicants should be under 35 years of age, although exceptions may be made on a case-by-case basis. Applicants should have at least five years experience in the transportation, site development, utility and/or municipal construction industry, have made a significant contribution to the work of his or her firm and demonstrated evidence of strong leadership potential for the industry.

### **Application/Nomination & Selection Process**

To be considered for admission to the program, the candidate must be nominated by a sponsor and submit a completed application form and one page (250 words or less) statement describing his or her reasons for applying. The statement should focus on how the candidate will utilize this training to further his or her goals to become an industry leader.

Each application form must be accompanied by a detailed letter of nomination and recommendation from a principal of the firm. The nomination letter must specifically state the principal's commitment to grant the applicant the time necessary to travel to and attend each of the five seminars.

All required documentation must be submitted to OCA, c/o Director, Member Services and Education, 1313 Dublin Road, Columbus, Ohio 43215, and postmarked or delivered (via e-mail) by August 14, 2009.

### **Time and Cost Commitment**

In order to offset the costs of food and transportation, a \$250 registration fee will be charged. This fee payment is due two weeks after successful applicants receive notice of their selection into the program. Applicants are responsible for transportation to the OCA office and any accommodation costs. Seminars will be scheduled with a start time (9:00 a.m. or later) sufficient to ensure an overnight accommodation is not required.