



OCA Future Leaders Forum Program Outline

The OCA Future Leaders Forum is soliciting for its 2023/2024 participants. 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, partnering, risk management, leadership skills 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 approximately seven occasions during the second half of 2023 and the first part of 2024 to participate in these seminars.

Eligibility

Class size is limited to 20 participants. 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 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 seven sessions.

All required documentation must be submitted to OCA, David Rule, Director, Member Events, 1313 Dublin Road, Columbus, Ohio 43215, and postmarked or delivered (via e-mail) by July 30, 2023. Letters can be e-mailed to drule@ohiocontractors.org.

Time and Cost Commitment

To offset the costs of food and transportation, a **\$500** 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.