

## **Ohio Contractors** Association

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Dear OCA Member:

OCA is pleased to announce that applications for the 2023/2024 "OCA Future Leaders Forum" are now being accepted. We are hoping that interest in providing candidates for this year's forum will be high.

Attached you will find an overall description of the forum, eligibility requirements, and the application form. Please note an additional statement must be completed by the applicant and a letter of recommendation from a principal of the firm indicating the company's commitment to support the applicant in attending each of the events. The target class size is 20 participants, and the Executive Committee will make the final selections from applications received for forum participants. A minimum of 10 participants will be required to hold a 2023/2024 Forum. Note that the previous requirement for participants to be under 35 years old has been removed.

Potential sessions that forum members may attend include: ODOT's organization & role, unions, industry consultants, OUPS, OSHA, legislative introduction, partnering, and the functions of OCA. We will also be having a Leadership Development session that debuted with the 2019/2020 class. These events will be spread over seven months and give a broad scope of the many agencies and activities that influence the heavy/highway construction industry. Dates will be announced as final arrangements are made.

The Board of Directors at OCA has recognized the need to develop the "rising stars" of tomorrow. We hope selection to participate in the OCA Future Leaders Forum will be a badge of distinction for those identified as leaders in the heavy/highway industry in Ohio for many years to come.

Application forms must be received by July 30. If you have any questions regarding the forum, please call David Rule, Director, Member Events, or me at 614-488-0724.

Very sincerely yours,

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Christopher L. Runyan, P.E. President

Enclosures