



OHIO CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION

OCA Future Leaders Forum Program Outline

The Ohio Contractors Association is pleased to announce the next class of the **Future Leaders Forum**, a unique leadership development experience for emerging professionals in Ohio's heavy/highway construction industry. This selective program is designed to cultivate the next generation of industry leaders through exposure to key topics, top-tier presenters, and a network of peers who share a passion for building Ohio's infrastructure.

Program Overview

Participants will engage in a series of interactive seminars focused on the following type of topics. Leadership development, industry advocacy, legislative engagement, regulatory insight, risk management, and strategic partnering. These sessions will be led by seasoned professionals and thought leaders from across the heavy/highway construction landscape.

The 2025–2026 Forum will convene approximately seven times between late 2025 and mid-2026. Each session is designed to be practical, engaging, and relevant—equipping participants with tools to grow both personally and professionally while gaining a deeper understanding of the value OCA brings to its members and the industry.

Who Should Apply

The Forum is limited to 20 participants. Ideal candidates will have a minimum of five years' experience in transportation, site development, utility, and/or municipal construction, and will have demonstrated leadership potential within their firm and the broader industry.

How to Apply

Prospective candidates must be nominated by a sponsor and submit the following:

- A completed application form
- A brief personal statement (250 words or less) describing how participation in the Forum supports their leadership goals
- A letter of nomination and recommendation from a principal of their firm, including a statement confirming the company's commitment to support the candidate's participation in all seven sessions

All application materials must be submitted to:

David Rule

Director, Member Events

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1313 Dublin Road, Columbus, Ohio 43215

Email: drule@ohiocontractors.org

Deadline: **July 25, 2025**

Program Cost

A registration fee of \$600 will be assessed to help offset program costs. This fee will be due within two weeks of notification of acceptance. Participants are responsible for their own transportation and lodging, if needed. Sessions will begin no earlier than 9:00 a.m. to minimize the need for overnight stays.

We invite you to consider this opportunity to invest in your future—and in the future of Ohio's construction industry.



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