

Tuesday, April 13, 2004

### **RTA hosts construction matchmaker forum on April 23**

CLEVELAND -- Officials of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (RTA) will host a construction matchmaker forum from 8 a.m.-noon Friday, April 23, in the Main Office Building, 1240 W. Sixth St.

The informative session is free and open to all area contractors.

"I strongly urge firms to attend this meeting," says Joe Calabrese, RTA's CEO and General Manager. "We plan to break ground this fall on the long-awaited Euclid Corridor Transportation Project, and that means millions of dollars in contracts will be awarded. We want as many local firms as possible to have an opportunity to bid on this work."

Each segment of the project will have a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) percentage goal, as well as workforce goals. During the meeting, RTA will provide a forum for local DBE firms and contractors to meet with local and national construction firms to encourage partnering on the project.

Besides the Euclid Corridor, RTA has a number of other construction projects planned for the near future. Details of those projects will also be shared at the event.