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ECO-INNOVATION ACROSS BORDERS: BEST PRACTICES HERE AND ABROAD

Breakout Sessions Tuesday, October 11, 2011

Drivers of Change: Clean(er) Fuel and Vehicle Technologies: Rising fuel costs and concerns about environmental impacts and energy security are driving many fleets and individual consumers to explore alternative fuel vehicle options. Join a panel of national, state and local speakers to hear about the range of solutions available today that are helping drivers reduce operational costs and minimize environmental impacts. Learn about projects currently underway, here in Ohio and across the country, designed to increase the use and availability of cleaner domestic fuels, energy saving vehicle technologies, and alternative fuel stations. The workshop is hosted by Clean Fuels Ohio.

Presenters > David Mayfield, Principal, Sustainable Transportation Strategies; Erin Russell-Story, Clean Cities Regional Manager, U.S. Department of Energy Clean Cities Program; Sam Spofforth, Executive Director, Clean Fuels Ohio.

Trails & Greenways: Cornerstones of a Sustainable Built Environment: Trails and greenways are extremely beneficial to public health and quality of life, as they enhance and protect recreational opportunities and natural areas. Hear about three different Midwest cities working to advance their sustainability agenda with an emphasis on trails, greenways, and innovative active transportation systems.

Presenters > Steve Buchtel, Executive Director, Trails for Illinois; Marty Cader, Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator, City of Cleveland; Nancy Krupiarz, Executive Director, Michigan Trails & Greenways Alliance.

Taking LEED to School: Market Transformation Through Next -Generation School Facilities: Ohio's LEED mandate for all new public school construction is leading the nation toward the next generation of high performance buildings. Join a panel of renowned national, state and local speakers to learn about Ohio's leadership in green school construction and how it is helping transform our entire built environment to be more healthy, sustainable and prosperous. The workshop is hosted by U.S. Green Building Council Central Ohio Chapter.

Presenters > Nathaniel Allen, Green Schools Advocacy Lead, U.S. Green Building Council; Franklin Brown, Planning Director, Ohio School Facilities Commission; Carole J. Olshavsky, Senior Executive of Capital Improvements, Columbus City Schools.

Foggy Forecast: Adapting Water Systems to Changing Weather Patterns: Extreme weather is not a new concept, but the frequency and intensity of extreme events (storms, droughts, etc) is influenced by the earth's climate. Extreme weather impacts water quality and supply for example, and communities will benefit by having the tools to adapt. Join a panel of experts to discuss potential impacts of climate change on our quality of life and economic well-being, and the measures we can take to adapt.

Presenters > Joel Brown, VP/Standard Lines, State Auto Insurance Companies; Lisa Jeffrey, Water Resource Service Leader, Brown & Caldwell; James Noel, Service Coordination Hydrologist, NOAA/National Weather Service's Ohio River Forecast Center.