



Local Governments Working for Development

Construction Begins on Tolloty Technology Incubator

In early June, over 100 people gathered for a ground breaking ceremony for the Tolloty Technology Incubator. **The \$5.4 million facility will serve as the gateway to the Tuscarawas Regional Technology Park in New Philadelphia, near Kent State University at Tuscarawas and Buckeye Career Center.**

Construction is expected to be completed by July 2014.

The two-story, 25,000 sq. ft. facility will feature wet laboratories fully equipped for scientific research and testing, offices, conference and training rooms, reception area and a computer network operations center. The Tuscarawas County Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) will manage the facility in partnership with Kent State University at Tuscarawas which will own the facility. The CIC and Kent State Tuscarawas Small

Business Development Center will be the first two clients in the incubator which has a capacity of about 70 people.

The incubator is named in memory of civic leader, Eugene Tolloty, who dedicated many years of service to Tuscarawas County and the CIC.



At the ground breaking ceremony, a track hoe used its claw bucket to release 400 hidden balloons in Kent State colors, blue and gold.

I am looking forward to the incubator being active "with the energy of creative minds developing new computer applications, conducting research and testing in the wet lab, and partnerships and collaborations between companies and researchers in the incubator and faculty and students at Kent State Tuscarawas." Gary Little, Executive Director, Tuscarawas County Community Improvement Corporation (CIC)

OMEGA Receives Funding for Transportation Planning

OMEGA recently received a federal transportation grant for \$301,250 to participate in ODOT's Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO) two-year pilot program. The total cost of the program is \$376,563 with ODOT and OMEGA each contributing 10%.

ODOT initiated the RTPO Program to enhance project prioritization and improve the overall statewide planning process by strengthening its pre-existing partnerships with rural planning agencies. To accomplish this goal, ODOT is recognizing OMEGA and four other multi-county rural planning agencies in Ohio as RTPOs. ODOT will work with the RTPOs and Ohio's Metropolitan Planning Organizations to develop transportation plans for the RTPO regions and establish transportation planning expertise among the staff of the RTPO agencies.

Two documents will be produced by OMEGA during the RTPO Program including a public participation plan (PPP) and a comprehensive transportation plan. In addition to these deliverables, OMEGA will engage in several activities during the RTPO Program. Activities will include consultation with government entities and transportation professionals, public participation and outreach in accordance with the developed PPP, mentoring activities with Eastgate Council of Governments, and general activities to increase the knowledge of transportation planning.

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Free Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Program Grant Application Training for District 14 - July 31st Tuscarawas County Public Library 10 am—noon
Call us or see our website for more details

Upcoming Events: OMEGA Summer Legislative Mixer - August 21st - Noon - Cadiz
Semi-Annual Membership Meeting - September 18th - Noon - Atwood Lodge