



Local Governments Working for Development

Senator Portman Attends OMEGA Event and Tours MarkWest Facility

U.S. Senator Rob Portman attended the OMEGA Summer Mixer in August. The Senator spoke to an audience of over 100 at Sally Buffalo Park Wallace Lodge in Cadiz. State Senator Lou Gentile (30th SD) and State Representatives Jack Cera (96th HD), Brian Hill (97th HD), Al Landis (98th HD), and Andy Thompson (95th HD)



Senator Portman (L) and Dale Hileman, Executive Director of the Eastern Ohio Development Alliance (EODA) during tour of the MarkWest Energy facility.

also attended to meet with local leaders to discuss the latest issues concerning economic and community development. Following the meeting, a tour of the new MarkWest processing facility was provided. Many economic and community development professionals had the opportunity to join Senator Portman on a tour bus to continue discussing issues important to the development of the region. Thank you again to our sponsors **American Electric Power, AT&T, Bricker & Eckler, Clemans-Nelson & Associates, Columbia Gas/NiSource, DLZ Engineering & Development Consultants, Dominion East Ohio Gas, Guernsey-Muskingum Electric Cooperative, Horizon Telcom, and Vorys Advisors** and everyone who attended to make this annual event one of our most successful.

EDA Chicago Rep Visits Incubator Project Site



Above (second from left) John Owen, Project Manager for the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration (EDA) Chicago Regional Office discusses progress in construction of the Tolloty Technology Incubator located in New Philadelphia. 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 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 Kent State Tuscarawas Small Business Development Center and CIC will be the first two clients in the incubator. EDA is providing \$2.7 million in grant funding toward the \$5.4 million project. Other funding sources include an Ohio Development Services Agency Job Ready Site grant and private investments from Kent State University at Tuscarawas and the Community Improvement Corporation. For occupancy information on the incubator, contact Gary Little, Executive Director of the Tuscarawas County CIC at (330) 308-7524.

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Upcoming Event: OMEGA Executive Board Meeting - December 11th
Noon at OMEGA Office - Cambridge - OMEGA Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO) Progress will be Highlighted

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