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The Banks Presents Informational Session

The Banks is a public improvement and mixed-use development project in Cincinnati, Ohio, on the southern edge of downtown along the Ohio River, situated between Paul Brown Stadium to the west, and the Great American Ball Park to the east. The public infrastructure improvement portion of the project began in the spring of 2008. The Banks will be a place to live, work, and play. The entire project will be developed in phases over the next 10 – 12 years. The City of Cincinnati and Hamilton County have selected the joint venture of Carter Commercial Services LLC and The Dawson Company to serve as the Development Manager for the project.

The Economic Inclusion Team for the Banks project will hold its next outreach session on Tuesday, June 30, 2009, 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. at the Community Action Agency, 1740 Langdon Farm Road at Reading Road in Jordan Crossing.

The purpose of this free event is to provide an update to contractors and other interested parties of the participation of small, disadvantaged, minority-, and women-owned business enterprises, and minority and female workers on the project, outline the upcoming schedule, and encourage both DBE and SBE certification.

During the free event, participants will have the opportunity to network and have one-on-one discussions with members of the project team representing the City, County, Carter/Dawson, Messer/MBJ (construction manager), and other project personnel. Refreshments will be provided and parking is free. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged and would be appreciated.

For more information on the session, please contact Deana Byrd, Project Manager, Ellington Management Services, at 513-554-4012. [Click here](#) to register for the outreach session online.

Inclusion efforts for The Banks have been successful. As of April 25, 2009, Small Business Enterprise participation is at 34.7%, exceeding the project goal of 30%. The combined minority and female workforce participation, based on hours worked, is 25.51%, the goal is 22%.