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PORT AUTHORITY FORMS PARTNERSHIP WITH CLEVELAND LEADERSHIP CENTER

Organizations will jointly plan how to get civic leaders more involved with Port's initiatives

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The Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority (Port) is pleased to announce a civic engagement partnership with the Cleveland Leadership Center (CLC). This partnership will encourage alumni of CLC programs to get involved with the port's efforts to transform Cleveland's downtown waterfront and grow jobs.

Plans call for a series of educational briefings for interested CLC alumni, followed by the creation of action plans for the issue areas of downtown waterfront development, port relocation, and industrial redevelopment along the St. Clair-Superior corridor.

Port President Adam Wasserman affirmed the new partnership as a positive step for civic action, **"Working with Cleveland Leadership Center alumni to get them more involved in our initiatives is going to benefit the region—it will mean more people knowing and understanding the kinds of transformative investments we are making and the reasons we are making them."**

Cleveland Leadership Center President and CEO Lee Friedman echoed Wasserman, **"It's a natural fit. The Center's alumni are very involved leaders from across all sectors. They are very civic-minded people. We know that getting them involved both as a sounding board and active participants in the Port's efforts will make Cleveland and the whole region better."**

Wasserman further remarked that with the City of Cleveland and other partners, the Port is gathering key stakeholders, including CLC veterans.**"Cleveland Leadership Center alumni are thought leaders and do-ers in our community. We look forward to having them involved every step of the way as we continue to advance our strategies to grow jobs and return the downtown waterfront back to the people of Cleveland."**

The Port's development plans call for helping to create a world class waterfront filled with entertainment, recreation and cultural opportunities alongside commercial enterprises. Along with efforts downtown, the port and several partners are planning the relocation of its maritime Port to E. 55th Street and encouraging business investment in the adjacent, underutilized industrial area.

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