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Lake County Board of DD selects Sourcing Office program for procurement savings

CLEVELAND, Ohio (May 11, 2010) – On Thursday, May 6, the Lake County Board of Developmental Disabilities signed on with Sourcing Office to save money on office supplies at an event hosted by Painesville City Manager Rita McMahon and Concord Township Administrator Jack Nettis at the Concord Township Community Center.

Public officials and organizations in Lake County convened to learn more about the money-saving programs available through Sourcing Office, a regional council of governments headquartered in Garfield Heights, Ohio that works with participants to procure goods and services in accordance with applicable public sector guidelines. Sourcing Office offers programs for service including office supplies, print management and electricity.

“The Sourcing Office event was very informative and the Lake County Board of DD is excited to participate in their office supply program,” said Procurement Director Diana Nichols, an employee of the Lake County Board of DD for 23 years. “ We are very proud of Lake County and will do whatever we can to save money to help our organization.”

With the budget restrictions that the Lake County Board of DD has experienced recently, Nichols said the organization would like to save at least 10 percent on office supplies in the next year. The Lake County Board of DD is also considering joining Sourcing Office’s electricity program.

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“We were thrilled by the attendance and level of interest in Sourcing Office’s programs. Local governments are facing severe financial challenges and it is a pleasure to work with such a large group of public officials committed to cutting costs and improving internal operations. said Bruce L. Tague, Sourcing Office’s executive director.

During the session, Sourcing Office also provided overviews of five group purchasing programs, including office supplies and the newly-procured alternative energy program. The forum launched a planned six-month “road show” that will take Sourcing Office across Northeast Ohio.

“Saving money is not easy, but with the right people and services, you can do it,” said Nichols.

Sourcing Office, a council of governments and a 501 (c)(3) not-for-profit organization headquartered in Northeast Ohio, creates and manages group purchasing programs for local governments and other public sector entities. Sourcing Office’s established programs deliver its participants improved pricing, additional value-added services and enhanced contract terms and conditions. These programs enable participants to control costs while improving operational efficiencies. Some examples of products and services available through Sourcing Office include office supplies, comprehensive print management, electricity, alternative energy (including wind, solar, and geothermal), and HR-in-a-Box. To learn more visit www.sourcingoffice.org