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**Inclusive Competitiveness Summit**

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THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING TODAY'S INCLUSIVE COMPETITIVENESS  
SUMMIT, HOSTED BY THE OHIO BOARD OF REGENTS' SUBCOMMITTEE ON  
INCLUSIVE COMPETITIVENESS. IT'S GREAT TO SEE SO MANY INDUSTRY  
LEADERS, POLICY PROFESSIONALS, SCHOLARS AND CITIZENS GATHERED  
TOGETHER TO DISCUSS WAYS THAT WE CAN INCORPORATE  
UNDERREPRESENTED AND LOW INCOME POPULATIONS INTO STATE  
EFFORTS TO SPUR OHIO'S INNOVATION ECONOMY.

BY OUR NATURE, HIGHER EDUCATION HAS A TENDENCY TO UNITE  
ORGANIZATIONS, INDUSTRIES, AND COMMUNITIES AROUND ISSUES OF  
IMPORTANCE. AND WHEN IT COMES TO THE FUTURE COMPETITIVENESS OF  
OUR STATE, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSIVITY IN INNOVATION AND  
ENTREPRENEURSHIP ARE CRITICAL.

IT SEEMS APPROPRIATE THAT THIS CONFERENCE IS TAKING PLACE AT  
OHIO UNIVERSITY. NOT ONLY DO WE SERVE AS A LEADER IN INNOVATION

AND ITS COMMERCIALIZATION, BUT WE ALSO HOLD INCLUSIVITY AMONG OUR CORE VALUES.

TODAY, OHIO UNIVERSITY'S ENTREPRENEURIAL ECOSYSTEM IS SPEARHEADING A RANGE OF INITIATIVES THAT SUPPORT ECONOMIC PROSPERITY, GROWTH **AND** DIVERSITY.

WE AIM TO BENEFIT INVENTORS AND ENTREPRENEURS OF EVERY BACKGROUND AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC STATUS THROUGH PROGRAMS LIKE:

- TECHGROWTH OHIO
- THE INNOVATION CENTER
- OUR TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER OFFICE
- EDISON BIOTECHNOLOGY INSTITUTE, AND
- THE CENTER FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP

THESE PROGRAMS IN COLLABORATION WITH OUR ACADEMIC COLLEGES, FOUR INCUBATORS, THREE SEED FUNDS AND TWO ANGEL FUNDS AIM TO EQUIP ALL OHIOANS TO ACHIEVE SUCCESS IN TODAY'S GLOBALIZED MARKETPLACE.

THE INCLUSIVE COMPETITIVENESS SUMMIT HAS THE POTENTIAL TO INCREASE ACCESS TO OHIO'S INNOVATION ECONOMY, WHICH TRANSLATES TO:

- MORE STARTUP COMPANIES
- BETTER NONPROFIT AND PUBLIC ORGANIZATIONS
- MORE JOBS
- MORE EXPERIENCES, AND
- MORE EDUCATION ACROSS THE BOARD.

IN OTHER WORDS... MORE ACCESS MEANS MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL!

TOGETHER, OHIO'S 14 RESEARCH UNIVERSITIES, 24 REGIONAL CAMPUSES AND 23 COMMUNITY COLLEGES CAN LEAD THE WAY TO DRAMATICALLY IMPROVE OPPORTUNITIES AND OUTCOMES FOR UNDERREPRESENTED OHIOANS.

***TOGETHER, WE HAVE THE POWER TO MAKE OHIO THE NATIONAL MODEL OF 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY EDUCATION AND ECONOMIC INCLUSION AND COMPETITIVENESS.***

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AS WE SEEK A BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR OHIO UNIVERSITIES AND FOR OUR GREAT STATE!