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## **PORT AUTHORITY'S DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC INCLUSION RECEIVES AWARD FOR WORK WITH MINORITY BUSINESSES**

*Named Advocate of the Year by South Central Ohio Minority  
Supplier Development Council*

**Cincinnati, Ohio (December 24, 2008)** The Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority announced today that Deborah Robb, Director of Economic Inclusion, has received the Advocate of the Year award from the South Central Ohio Minority Supplier Development Council (SCOMSDC). Robb was selected by the SCOMSDC's Minority Business Enterprise Input Committee. This is the first year the SCOMSDC has given this award.

"We selected Deborah as our Advocate of the Year due to her tireless efforts at the Port Authority, where she works diligently to get minority business enterprises significantly involved in all Port projects, as well as non-Port projects, throughout the region," said Jenéa Norris Allen, President of the SCOMSDC.

The SCOMSDC's Advocate of the Year award recognizes the accomplishments and contributions of those who have successfully advocated for minority supplier development. According to the Minority Business Enterprise Input Committee, the recipient must have a proven history of voluntary efforts and endeavors to advance minority businesses, as well as a desire to improve their condition. The recipient must also encourage, support and motivate her colleagues and minority business enterprises to participate in the SCOMSDC.

"I am honored to have been selected as the first recipient of SCOMSDC's Advocate of Year award," said Robb. "I feel privileged to have been given this recognition, and I will continue to collaborate with the SCOMSDC to foster and grow minority business enterprises in Greater Cincinnati."

In addition to her work at the Port Authority, Robb chairs the SCOMSDC Cincinnati Local Advisory Committee and serves on the Certification Committee. She also co-chaired the 2008 Construction Summit, led the Corporation Minority Business Enterprise Forum and served on the SCOMSDC Gala Committee.

For more information on the SCOMSDC, visit [www.scombc.org](http://www.scombc.org).



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***About the Port Authority:***

*The Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority was formed in 2001 to stimulate growth of the regional economy as an economic development organization for Hamilton County and the City of Cincinnati. It enables public-private partnerships to provide infrastructure financing for development projects and to redevelop brownfields.*

***About the South Central Ohio Minority Supplier Development Council (SCOMSDC):***

*The South Central Ohio Minority Supplier Development Council (SCOMSDC), an affiliate of the National Minority Supplier Development Council (NMSDC) is dedicated to providing a direct link between minority business enterprises (MBEs) and its corporate members.*

*Formed in 1999, SCOMSDC has over 30 years of combined experience in assisting in the development of mutually beneficial relationships between minority-owned businesses and corporations. With offices in Cincinnati, Columbus and Dayton, SCOMSDC has over 140 Corporate Members and 400 certified MBEs.*