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**Greater Akron Chamber Presents The Morning Buzz:
"The Morning Buzz: Celebrating our Past – Redefining our Future"
*The Morning Buzz is a quarterly economic development breakfast that plugs you into
hot topics on regional issues and provides networking opportunities.***

Please join the Greater Akron Chamber on **Wednesday, July 30, 2008**, for a fascinating look at the many projects underway at The University of Akron. **Ted Curtis**, Vice President of Capital Planning and Facilities Management, will captivate you with his knowledge and passion for what is happening in our community and the excitement on The University of Akron campus.

Curtis will share the progress on the new \$200 million Landscape for Learning which he implemented and oversees. He will also update us on the construction of InfoCision Stadium and Summa Field and share insight on the University Park Alliance. Curtis joined The University of Akron in 1998. His staff of 270 includes responsibility for University Police, Office of Environmental Health and Safety, and the Physical Facilities Operations Center. He is responsible for more than 150 projects, totaling approximately \$350 million.

Curtis holds a B.S. in Architecture from Kent State University and has taken graduate school courses from Harvard and Pepperdine University. He is a registered Architect in Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, Indiana, Florida, Kentucky, Nebraska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, and is NCARB-Certified. From 1985 to 1990, Curtis worked for Hilton Hotels Corporation and Conrad International, as Vice President, Planning, Architecture and Technical Services, where he completed over 88 Hilton Hotels in the United States; worldwide - London, Dublin, Monte Carlo, Hong Kong, Istanbul, and Moscow. From 1968 to 1985, as the Owner, President, and CEO of Curtis & Rasmussen, Inc., his firm completed over 600 projects. In 1972, Curtis was founder, owner, developer, architect, construction manager of the Quaker Square project in Akron, Ohio, converting grain silos into a Hilton Hotel, shopping, office and restaurant complex. This was the first silo hotel conversion in the world.

The Morning Buzz will be held at Fairlawn Country Club, 200 N. Wheaton Rd., Akron. Registration and networking begin at 7:30 a.m., and the program will be held from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. The cost is \$16 for members and \$20 for non-members and includes a Continental breakfast. To make a reservation, call the Greater Akron Chamber at (330) 376-5550 or register on-line at www.greaterakronchamber.org. RSVP by noon on Monday, July 25, 2008.

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