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**Greater Akron Chamber Presents
The Buzz Around Town: It's Not Easy Being Green
Sponsored by D-A-S Construction Co.**

Start your day off right by mingling with other Chamber members over coffee. Join our host, FirstEnergy, and event sponsor, D-A-S Construction Co., on Friday, May 22, 2009, for an intriguing look at FirstEnergy's West Akron Campus at 341 White Pond Drive. At 208,000 square feet, this facility is the largest green office building in the Akron area.

Tomorrow's work environment is available today at FirstEnergy. This high-performance environmental building offers innovative design, health and safety features – while maintaining quality and cost effectiveness in part to reflect the company's dedication to green technologies. Designed by architectural firm, Vocon, Inc. of Cleveland, and constructed by Welty Building Company Ltd. of Fairlawn, the sleek, glassy structure was built to the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) specifications.

FirstEnergy will share their story, and Mike Molinski, project architect with Vocon, Inc., will discuss the environmentally-conscious decisions on managing light, flexible workspaces, the building's energy and atmosphere and materials and resources both inside and outside of the building. There are many ways companies can begin taking steps to become a partner in the green movement. Join us to learn more.

PLEASE NOTE: THIS EVENT IS LIMITED TO THE FIRST 100 CHAMBER MEMBERS WHO REGISTER. FIRST ENERGY IS A SECURE FACILITY AND WE WILL BE PROVIDING A LIST OF ATTENDEES. YOU MUST REGISTER IN ADVANCE TO ATTEND. Due to limited seating and a short timeframe to check members in, we ask that payment is made in advance.

The Buzz Around Town will be held at FirstEnergy's West Akron Campus, 341 White Pond Drive, Akron. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m., and the program will be held from 7:50 to 9:00 a.m. The cost is \$15 for members and includes continental breakfast. To make a reservation, call the Greater Akron Chamber at (330) 376-5550 or register on-line at www.greaterakronchamber.org. Register by noon on Monday, May 18, 2009.

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