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Franklin County Engineer Establishes an Antiracism & Equity Program

[Columbus, Ohio – June 30, 2020] – Cornell R. Robertson, P.E., P.S., Franklin County Engineer, announces the establishment of the Franklin County Engineer’s Antiracism & Equity Program (FCE AEP). The program was presented to the Franklin County Board of Commissioners on Tuesday, June 30, 2020 in conjunction with the Franklin County Engineer’s resolution in support of the Franklin County Board of Commissioners’ Declaration of Racism as a Public Health Crisis, which was adopted on May 19, 2020.

The program is an intentional approach to support the pledge of the Franklin County Engineer’s Office (FCEO) to do what it can to end racism through collaboration in the following areas: Workforce Team; Vendors, Suppliers, Consultants, Contractors; Community Outreach & Public Engagement. “As an anti-racist agency, we pledge to purposefully identify, discuss, and challenge ourselves to understand and correct any inequities we may discover, and gain a better understanding of ourselves during this purposeful process with our teammates, outside organizations, and everyone in Franklin County who we serve whether they be residents, citizens, constituents, those who work in Franklin County but live elsewhere, or those just traveling through Franklin County. We will use this document to develop relationships of solidarity, support, and trust rooted in intentional anti-racist thought, action and reflection,” said Engineer Robertson.

The FCE AEP was created after conducting eight “Listening Meetings” with a task force comprised of knowledgeable industry professionals and community leaders within Franklin County. FCEO will re-evaluate their program on a quarterly basis with this task force to determine if the goals and objectives are being met and make modifications as needed. FCEO will provide diversity and inclusion trainings, host small group discussions and promote constant dialogue regarding healthy racial relations with their teammates. Annually, the Franklin County Engineer will present an updated FCE AEP, via resolution, to the Board of Commissioners reporting the progress of the program as well as any updates that have occurred.

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