

EMERGING LEADERS PROGRAM



Dear Prospective Applicant,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Illinois Road & Transportation Builders Association (IRTBA), I am pleased to invite you to invest in your future and join the Emerging Leaders Program (ELP). The purpose of this program, which is in its Fifteenth year, is to develop emerging leaders from member firms for active participation in the industry. This exciting program is designed to educate exceptional individuals about transportation issues of today and the future. As a class, you will see the “big picture” of the industry – learning everything from working with agencies and local government, to the economy of the industry.

The ELP is designed to expose emerging leaders to industry issues once a month for a full-day of educational sessions. The group will meet once a month from October to May, with meetings held at the IRTBA office and various member offices throughout the Chicagoland area. Business leaders and speakers from academic institutions, member companies, and public agencies will address the class. The highlight of the program is a trip to Washington, D.C. to meet with national leaders and legislators.

To become a member of this dynamic group, interested candidates are encouraged to complete the attached application form. The application must include a letter of recommendation from management within your company, a professional bio/resume and a current photo/headshot. Only completed application packets will be considered. Upon acceptance to the ELP, the members will attend a “Kickoff Reception” on Wednesday, September 28, 2023. This event will be held prior to the IRTBA General Membership meeting. Additional program details will be provided to the class after acceptance.

The overall program will offer emerging leaders the opportunity to interact with established leaders and network with fellow emerging leaders in the program, with the hope of continuing our efforts to advance and promote the future of the transportation industry. **Please submit your completed application to IRTBA Program Manager Molly Stratman at molly@irtba.org by close of business on Monday, July 31, 2023 to be considered for the program.** Applicants will be notified of their acceptance by Monday, August 7, 2023.

We look forward to working with the future of our industry – the emerging leaders of today.

Sincerely,

Julie Wrightsman
Chair, IRTBA Board of Directors

Emerging Leaders Program Class of 2023-2024 Application

Program Overview & Benefits:

Classes typically take place on a Wednesday each month from September through May. The classes are full-day meetings from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM. They will include meals and a networking session at each. In May, there is an opportunity to attend IRTBA Emerging Leaders Washington D.C. Fly-In. This program will provide participants with the opportunity to meet and learn from industry leaders; network and develop relationships with fellow leaders and peers; develop understanding of the industry and how topics are integrated; and learn firsthand the benefits of IRTBA membership and how to get involved. The fee to participate in the program is \$3,250. We can only accept one applicant per company. **Application deadline is July 31, 2023.** Incomplete applications will not be considered. Refunds will not be made after September 28, 2023, except under special circumstances as approved by the IRTBA President. Applicants will be notified whether they have been selected to participate in the program by August 7, 2023.

Application requirements:

- Letter of Recommendation
- Job Description (include responsibilities and important achievements)
- Resume
- Professional Headshot
- Nominee Information completed below

Nominee Information:

Name: _____

Employer: _____ Job Title: _____

Business Address: _____

Home Address (used for determining legislative district for meetings):

Business Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____ Industry Tenure (Min. 5/Max. 15 years): _____

University & Graduation Year: _____

Dietary Restrictions (used for meals provided during class): _____

PLEASE SELECT YOUR METHOD OF PAYMENT BELOW: Payable to: IRTBA • 500 Park Blvd. • Suite 1250 • Itasca, IL 60143

CHECK

Amount of Payment: \$3,250

CREDIT CARD

Credit Card #: _____

Expiration Date: ____ / ____ Card Type (circle one): AMEX MASTERCARD VISA

Name on Card: _____

Billing Address: _____

Authorized Signature: _____