

AGENDA

NW OHIO GREENHOUSE CLUSTER MEETING

Monday, January 31, 2005

7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

TOLEDO BOTANICAL GARDENS

STABLES ROOM

- Position Update – Norm Moll, Champion
 - Independent Contractor – Status (Mike Fioritto, Accountant Jan.28, 2005)
 - Proposal – Goals & Objectives, Grant Requirements
 - Engagement Letter/Contract

- Advisory Group – Collaborative Member List (as of this date)

1. Growers	Dick Bostdorff
2. Growers	Walt Kruger
3. Growers	Tom Wardell
4. Growers	Tony Keil
5. Growers	Bill Dearing
6. Growers	Alan Schmidt
7. Growers	Mark Hecklinger
8. UT	Neil Reid
9. UT	Joe Perlaky
10. BGSU	Michael Carroll
11. OSU	Mary Donnell
12. Rep. Kaptur Office	Lindsay Potts
13. RGP	Lee Springer
14. ARS	Charles Krause

- Cluster Structure – Specialized Agriculture
 - Greenhouse Growers, Norm Moll - Champion
 - Other?

- Other – (Future meetings)
 - Champion Report/Update - Activities & Accomplishments
 - Projects/Events/Workshops (“*Flower of the Year*”-“*Brand the Community*”- *American in Bloom*” Melinda Huntley?)
 - Cluster Report
 - Regular Meeting Dates

In 2004, the University of Toledo and Bowling Green State University have been conducting a Cluster Study as it pertains to various industries in NW Ohio. By definition, “*clustering is a strategy by which greenhouse growers in NW Ohio will identify areas where they can cooperate with each other to mutual benefit*”. The grant funded study has now progressed to the point where we can present the findings to area business, government, and non-profit partners. Creating this awareness is just the beginning.

As leaders in the greenhouse industry, we would like to continue to share this information with you and determine if the clustering principles can augment each of your existing operations. Some of you have been introduced to the Cluster concept. Many of you have not. Feel free to bring a friend. The meetings are informal with no RSVP necessary.