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PolicyBridge, a Regional Think Tank, Launches a Web-Site.

Cleveland, Ohio – PolicyBridge, a newly created 501 (c) 3 African-American led think tank in Northeast Ohio launched its website today. The think tank will provide ongoing analysis of public policy and carefully monitor urban policy issues that affect the quality of life for minority communities.

The website, www.policy-bridge.org, provides information on focus areas including economic development, education, workforce development, urban sprawl and health and wellness. It also offers salient articles, links to like organizations that gather and analyze similar data, copies of research reports and policy briefings and information about upcoming forums and special events. One highlight of the website is the forums and feedback section which includes an interactive feature that allows the general public to engage in on-line dialogue with ideas and opinions as related to critical issues and policies facing Northeast Ohio.

“We’re excited to launch the site as a vehicle to get the larger community exposed to and involved in the important work of public policy analysis” said Randell McShepard, co-founder of the organization. “People can be more engaged and proactive about issues when they have access to pertinent data at their fingertips”.

The organization welcomes the participation of citizens who are interested in these issues. You can share your views regarding policy issues presented on the website by accessing the Forum at <http://www.policy-bridge.org/forum/index.php>.

Start-up funds for the PolicyBridge organization were made available by the Civic Innovation Lab, a project funded by the Cleveland Foundation that supports individuals with innovative ideas to grow Cleveland.

Additional information is available on www.policy-bridge.org.