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## Memphis Industrial Parkway Ribbon Cutting

**Brooklyn, Ohio** – Today, the Mayor, City Council, Gateway Safety, LLC, Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities and Ferragon Corporation will cut the ribbon on the newly dedicated public road: **Memphis Industrial Parkway**, a 500 linear foot gateway to Brooklyn, costing approximately \$750,000. This project was truly a public/private partnership of collaboration in effort and funding for this important project for the City of Brooklyn.

Collaboration and funding assistance for the project was also secured from the Cuyahoga County Department of Development, the State of Ohio's Department of Development and the Cuyahoga County Engineer's Office. Originally a service pathway to support its residents: Gateway Safety, Ferragon, and the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities, it has been transformed into a new roadway that is situated at the front door of Brooklyn, off Memphis Avenue at the Linndale line, that will also serve as the catalyst for new development opportunities.

"The City of Brooklyn would like to thank all those who worked so long and hard to put this project together. The City is proud to dedicate Memphis Industrial Parkway as a new City street," said Mayor Richard Albier.

County Executive Ed FitzGerald stated: "We are glad to collaborate with the City of Brooklyn and our private and public partners on the Memphis Industrial Parkway Project. Working together, we can foster economic development through safe, easy access to our businesses and allow our community to grow and to flourish."

Dr. Terrence Ryan, Superintendent of the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities commented that "this project significantly improves the business opportunities of the three entities involved and will have a meaningful economic impact for the City of Brooklyn. It also ensures a much safer environment for people working and visiting our three locations. I appreciate very much the work of City officials from Brooklyn who were instrumental in this project becoming a success."

The private partners echoed the importance of this roadway, and Michael Love, Gateway Safety, said, "This new roadway will foster growth among current businesses in the City of Brooklyn, and help bring new businesses and jobs to the City. Gateway Safety is very pleased to be part of the revitalization of this area of Brooklyn."

Ed Gonzalez, President, Ferragon, reiterated the importance of this new road: "This roadway is a dream come true. We have been trying to get this to happen since I began my operation in 1983. Were it not for this administration at the City of Brooklyn and Cuyahoga County working together to bring this roadway to completion, it would not have happened. A lot of hard work and many hours were dedicated to this project and I just wanted to say thank you to everyone involved."

Parking is available on the north side of the new road at Gateway Park.

The partners will cut the ribbon on **Thursday, June 14, 2012 at 10:30 a.m.** at the site, 11111 Memphis Avenue, Brooklyn, Ohio 44144.

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