



How Will Ohio Business Benefit?

In 2008, with nothing more than existing passenger service on three of its national routes through Ohio, Amtrak spent **\$12,648,313.97** with **90 Ohio-based businesses**. Who are some of these Ohio companies?

- **Timken (roller bearings)** **\$2,074,715.76**
- **Columbus Steel Castings (wheel & truck assemblies)** **\$860,779.00**
- **Cleveland Track Materials** **\$2,990,910.56**

The need alone for improved railroad rights-of-way, bridges, tunnel upgrades and underground utilities can be a source of business for heavy contractors as well as companies supplying aggregates, steel, concrete, pipe, wire and electronic signal systems.

- According to the American Public Transit Association, it is reasonable to expect 24 new jobs created for every \$1 million invested in public transportation projects.
- A fully-built Ohio Hub system will generate estimated 6,000+ construction jobs alone over the project lifetime. In excess of 16,000 jobs will be generated by development in and around station stops and along the corridors.

Increased demand for intercity passenger rail, as well as for rail-based mass transit, will drive the demand for more rail passenger cars, locomotives, light rail vehicles and streetcars. **14 Ohio companies currently supply everything from roller bearings to paint for the freight rail manufacturing industry.** These companies include Timken, Cleveland Track Materials, Clifton Steel, Key Bank Capital, Sherwin Williams, Industrial Nut and the Chromium Corporation.

Passenger rail growth can also drive demand for major equipment manufacturing facilities as there are currently no U.S.-based passenger rail car manufacturers and only two that produce passenger locomotives. Some Ohio communities have already expressed an interest in re-purposing idled automotive plants to construct rail passenger cars, perhaps putting thousands of autoworkers back on the job and generating new business for component suppliers.