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**PAT CEO Stephen Bland to speak at
PowerBreakfast Meeting June 15, 2012
Hosted by the
African American Chamber of Commerce
of Western Pennsylvania**

(Pittsburgh, PA – June 6, 2012) Stephen Bland will be the guest speaker at the African American Chamber's PowerBreakfast Meeting on June 15, 2012 at 7:30 AM at the River's Club in Oxford Center, Downtown Pittsburgh. Mr. Bland is expected to discuss the changes and plans for public transportation in Allegheny County, and the impact those changes may have on the county's workforce.

Stephen Bland became the CEO of Port Authority of Allegheny County in June 2006. He oversees all aspects of the Pittsburgh region's primary transit system, which provides bus, light rail and paratransit service daily to nearly 230,000 riders.

Mr. Bland's career in public transportation spans more than 20 years. Most recently, he was executive director of the Capital District Transportation Authority in Albany, N.Y. Mr. Bland has served on numerous local, state and national transit boards. He is a past chairman of the Pennsylvania Public Transportation Association and a past president of the New York Public Transit Association.

Mr. Bland will be joined by Winston Simmonds. Mr. Simmonds is the Rail Operations/Engineering Officer at Port Authority, where he is responsible for overall management of rail service delivery, facilities maintenance, engineering design and construction. These responsibilities also include construction of the 1.2-mile \$538.7 million light rail expansion project, the North Shore Connector.

The mission of the African American Chamber of Commerce of Western Pennsylvania is to continuously improve business and professional opportunities for African American business owners and professionals.

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