

Bill Lhota

President/CEO of the Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA).

Prior to coming to COTA in September 2004, Bill was a retired senior executive from American Electric Power, who formed LHOTA SERVICES in January 2002. LHOTA SERVICES is a sole proprietor business focusing on arbitration, mediation, energy consulting, as well as consulting, teaching and lecturing on business and engineering ethics.

At retirement Lhota was president - energy delivery, American Electric Power (AEP) and executive vice president, American Electric Power Service Corporation.

He earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering in 1964 from The Ohio State University. He also earned a master's degree in management from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1978. He is a registered professional engineer in Ohio, Michigan and New York, and a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, National Society of Professional Engineers, and the Ohio Society of Professional Engineers.