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MISSOURI COMMUNITY NEWS

Boonville Surveys Visitors for DREAM Input



The city of Boonville is conducting a visitor survey to gain input about the community and downtown from non-residents who visit for shopping, vacations, business or community events. The visitor survey is an integral part of the planning phase of the DREAM Initiative and will be conducted at various events and

locations throughout the summer. [Read more...](#)

MoDOT Dedicates Newly Renovated Welcome Center

The Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) recently held a dedication ceremony of the newly transformed Interstate 44 Welcome Center near Conway, with an historic U.S. Route 66 atmosphere.

The project features considerable green technology with an investment of \$10.8 million in federal enhancement funds. [Read more...](#)



Emerson Donates \$300,000 to Teach for America

TEACHFORAMERICA Emerson has announced plans to donate \$300,000 to Teach for America in St. Louis. A direct contribution of \$150,000 will be made, with the other \$150,000 awarded if Teach for America raises a matching amount of donations from local donors. The funds will be used to support recruitment, selection, training and professional development of teachers. [Read more...](#)

St. Louis Economic Council Celebrates 25th Anniversary, Receives Accreditation

The St. Louis County Economic Council (SLCEC) recently celebrated its 25th anniversary and was recognized by the International Economic Development Council (IEDC) as an Accredited Economic Development Organization (AEDO), a distinguished status that signifies the professional



excellence of economic development entities throughout North America. The SLCEC is the only economic development agency in the state of Missouri to hold the esteemed accreditation. See photo [here](#) of Sheila Sweeney, SLCEC Board chair; Denny Coleman, SLCEC president & CEO; Dee Joiner, former SLCEC president & CEO; H.C. Milford, former county executive; Gene McNary, former county executive; and St. Louis County Executive Charlie A. Dooley. [Read more...](#)

K.C. LISC Seeking Redevelopment Applications



The Greater Kansas City LISC (Local Initiatives Support Corporation) is seeking qualified applicants for redevelopment loans of up to \$2 million in low to moderate income areas. Loans will be considered to support development in LISC NeighborhoodsNOW

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 1 - 31, 2009

[Outstanding Missouri Women Traveling History Exhibit](#)

Brookfield YMCA

June, July, August

[Outstanding Missouri Women Traveling History Exhibit](#) at [Arrow Rock State Historic Site](#)

June 1 - 2, 2009

[Midwest Energy and Climate Policy Conference](#)

June 2 - 5, 2009

[C2ER 49th Annual Conference - "Energizing Entrepreneurship: Monitoring Progress, Making Change"](#)

June 23 - 25, 2009

[2009 Joint CBRN Conference and Exhibition](#) (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear)

June 30, 2009

[Missouri Women's Council Award of Distinction - deadline for nominees](#)

July 7, 2009

[Wind Energy Supply Chain](#)

communities on both sides of the state line. [Read more...](#)

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Missouri Business Filing Requirements Eased with New Legislation



Secretary of State Robin Carnahan announced earlier this month that the "Red Tape Reduction Act" was passed overwhelmingly by the Missouri General Assembly as part of HB 481. This act will save time and money for over 400,000 businesses in Missouri by providing the option of filing corporate registration reports every two years rather than annually. The act will also reduce the filing fee for Limited Liability Companies by over 50 percent and create efficiency by encouraging online filings. [Read more...](#)

Missouri Awarded Millions for Airport Improvements

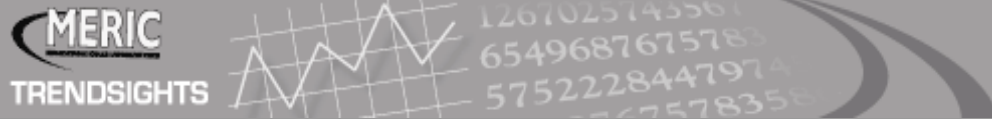
Missouri "non-primary" airports will receive more than \$9.6 million in federal grant funding for airport development and improvement projects. The funding is provided through the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Aviation Administration and will be administered through Missouri's State Block Grant Program. [Read more...](#)



Missouri Arts Council Chair Named



Gov. Jay Nixon recently appointed Nola Ruth as the Missouri Arts Council chair. Ruth was most recently the executive director for the Missouri Association of Community Arts Agencies. The Missouri Arts Council is a division of the Department of Economic Development and provides millions of dollars in grants to arts organizations. [Read more...](#)



Missouri Regional Career Outlook through 2016



The Missouri Regional Career Outlook 2016 projects the top 50 occupations for Missouri and the 10 workforce investment areas by career cluster. Occupations include those which are graded the highest in their region based on openings, growth rate, and average wages. [Read more...](#)

Retail Trade Analysis: Northwest Workforce Area

Retail trade is one of the key indicators of regional economic health, while pull factors measure the retail sales captured by counties. The retail strength of a county is a function of the customer base served, the buying power of the customer base, and overall quality of the retail environment. The Northwest WIA Retail Trade report shows Livingston County had the highest pull factor in the region followed by Buchanan and Linn. [Read more...](#)



DED Issues Call for Proposals for CDBG



Missouri Workforce Conference Largest Ever
With just under 300 participants, the recent 2009 Missouri Association for Workforce



New Novus Headquarters Awarded Platinum LEED Certification
The U.S. Green Building Council has awarded Novus International, Inc.'s

Workshop
Springfield-Joplin

July 9, 2009
[Innovation Conference: "Innovation in Turbulent Times"](#)

July 16, 2009
[NAP Workshop](#)

July 26 - 29, 2009
[Summers @ Mizzou "Build-a-Business" Camp](#)

July 30 - 31, 2009
[Environmental Conference at the Lake](#)

August 18 - 21, 2009
[Missouri Main Street Conference: Get Plugged In...Downtown](#)

September 9 - 11, 2009
[Governor's Conference on Economic Development](#)

October 4 - 7, 2009
[IEDC Annual Conference: Renewable Communities - Leveraging Your Competitive Resources](#)

PAST ISSUES

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May 15, 2009

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May 8, 2009

[Missouri Focus](#)
May 1, 2009

DED PRESS RELEASES

QUICK LINKS

[Dept. of Economic Development \(DED\)](#)

Disaster Funding

The Missouri Department of Economic Development is requesting proposals for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding in areas of the state affected by weather-related disasters during 2008. Proposals for this supplemental funding must be submitted to DED and postmarked no later than June 5.

[Read more...](#)

DED Awards \$978,983 in EEZ Tax Credits to Joplin Business for Creation of New Jobs, \$39.3M Investment

The Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED) has announced approval of state tax credits for a Joplin business under the Enhanced Enterprise Zone (EEZ) program to assist in the creation of new jobs and investment in the Joplin area.

[Read more...](#)

DED Awards \$36,754 in NAP Tax Credits to St. Peters Non-profit Organization

The Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED) has announced that a St. Peters not-for-profit organization has been approved for tax credits under the Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP). [Read more...](#)

DED Awards \$935,556 in YOP Tax Credits to Seven Missouri Service Organizations

The Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED) has announced that seven Missouri organizations that offer various services to Missouri children have been approved for a total

Development (MAWD) Conference was the largest to date. Calling the conference "the best one ever," outgoing MAWD President Scott Sattler commented on the increased attendance, as well as the positive responses: "Everyone really liked the conference!" he said. In addition to being a venue for professional development for Missouri's workforce system practitioners, the conference was also an opportunity for recognition of outstanding accomplishments in workforce development. Becky Steele, Executive Director of the Northwest Region WIB, is shown in this [photo](#) receiving an award for Workforce Professional of the Year. [Read more...](#)

Warrensburg Chamber Supports Veteran Employment

During the time when many Missourians are honoring fallen veterans, the Warrensburg Chamber of Commerce recently reminded members how employing a veteran can affect their business' bottom line. The May 22 edition of the [Chamber Flash](#) (scroll to bottom of page 5) featured information provided by Warrensburg Career Center Veteran's Representative Ron Pierson on the benefits of hiring vets, including adaptability. Pierson said, "In addition to possessing transferable capabilities, veterans have the proven aptitude to learn new skills and concepts, creating an accelerated learning curve." Those interested in learning more about the

new global headquarters with the Platinum LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification. Platinum certification is the highest designation available to buildings that demonstrate energy efficiency and sustainability. Located in the Missouri Research Park in Chesterfield, the facility is the fourth building in Missouri, and one of fewer than 100 buildings in the United States, to achieve the distinction.

[Read more...](#)

Missouri Chamber Seeks Applications for Fast Track Awards

Each year in November, the Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry recognizes outstanding Missouri businesses with its Fast Track Awards. These awards are selected based on revenue growth of the companies over the last four years and represent some of the fastest growing companies in Missouri. The 2009 Fast Track Award winners will be recognized at the 2009 Missouri Chamber Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner in November. Applications must be submitted by June 15.

[Read more...](#)

Kansas City Companies Launch TWI Training Projects

Two Kansas City area companies have launched Training Within Industry (TWI) supervisory training projects to support and sustain gains made in their ongoing continuous improvement programs. Branaman Cabinet, Inc. and Clay and Bailey Manufacturing Co. are using the program to

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[Missouri Business Portal](#)

[Missouri Women's Council](#)

[Missouri Women Owned Business Network](#)

[Missouri LocationOne](#)

[MissouriCareerSource.com](#)

[Missouri Workforce Investment Board](#)

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[Division of Tourism](#)

[Missouri Development Finance Board](#)

[Missouri Community Betterment](#)

[Missouri Community Service Commission \(MCSC\)](#)

[Missouri Main Street Connection](#)

[Missouri Arts Council](#)

[Economic Development at Mizzou](#)

[University of Missouri Extension](#)

[Missouri Procurement and Technical Assistance Centers \(MO PTAC\)](#)

[Missouri Business Development Program](#)

[Missouri Small Business & Technology Development Centers \(SBTDC\) - {Schedule of training seminars at MSU...}](#)

[Missouri Economic Development Council \(MEDC\)](#)

of \$935,556 in Youth Opportunities Program (YOP) tax credits.

[Read more...](#)

benefits of hiring veterans, including the Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC) provided by DWD, call the Warrensburg Career Center at (660) 429-2504.

leverage investments in equipment and workforce, as well as realizing the productive potential of employees. [Read more...](#)

GLOBAL NEWS

Value Rises for Kansas City-area Foreign Trade Zone Goods



According to the Greater Kansas City Foreign Trade Zone Inc., the value of goods forwarded from the area's trade zones increased by 2.5 percent in the fiscal year that ended Sept. 30. Kansas City's developing economy as a trade hub helped boost the figure for fiscal 2008,

CEO Al Figuly said. [Read more...](#)

China to Encourage Overseas Investment by Simplifying Procedures

Outbound investment of Chinese enterprises may be expanded as China's foreign exchange regulator plans to simplify examination and approval procedures for domestic companies' investment abroad. The State Administration of Foreign Exchange (SAFE) has issued a draft regulation on foreign exchange management involving domestic enterprises investing abroad to solicit public opinions. [Read more...](#)



Economic Indicators Suggest Recovery May be Near



The Conference Board's Index of Leading Economic Indicators (LEI) rose by 1 percent in May, the first increase in seven months and the largest monthly gain in more than three and a half years. The LEI gauges economic activity in the next three to six months. Several other leading indicators also posted an increase for May.

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