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MU Opens Nano Lab to Public



A new Nano Mems Semiconductor (NMS) Utilization Lab in the University of Missouri's College of Engineering is now open to the public, offering for-fee training services to academic and private industry investigators, access to instrumentation and contracted nano mems services. The lab has ongoing research projects in nanotechnology and other areas. [Read more...](#)

K.C. Riverfront Project Breaks Ground

The Port Authority of Kansas City and Ameristar Casino held a groundbreaking last week on the \$3 million Riverfront Heritage Trail connection between Berkley Riverfront Park and the Riverfront West/River Market area. The ASB Underpass will be an important link that connects Berkley Park to the Riverfront West trail section, winding through the Port Authority's ecosystem restoration area.



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Kansas City, St. Louis Rank in Top 100 Tech Centers



According to a new *Bizjournals* study of 100 U.S. markets, Kansas City ranks No. 44 and St. Louis ranks No. 46 in the Top 100 High-Tech Centers in the United States. *Bizjournals* created a five-part formula to identify the metro areas with the highest concentrations of high-tech companies, technology-oriented jobs and workers with advanced degrees. [Read](#)

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St. Charles Civil Air Patrol Squadron holds Public Open House

The Mid Rivers Senior Squadron, local unit of the Civil Air Patrol (CAP), is hosting an open house in conjunction with the airport's open house from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 13 at the [St. Charles Municipal Airport](#). The airport is planning many festivities for the event and the CAP plans on having one of its Cessna 182's on display featuring a G1000 "glass cockpit". [Read](#)



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One more Reason to Visit Missouri LocationOne ®



Missouri LocationOne ® has recently been updated! If you haven't checked out the site lately, now would be a great time. The online economic development system not only gives specific information about available properties in

Missouri, but now has detailed statistics for each county within the state. This service, provided by the Department of Economic Development, now includes each county profile with customized data in 21 categories and over 50 different

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

June 17, 2009
["Profitable Sponsorship Training for Nonprofits"](#)

June 18, 2009
[SBA Web chat: "Disaster Preparedness for Business Owners - An Inside Perspective"](#)

June 23 - 25, 2009
[2009 Joint CBRN Conference and Exhibition \(Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear\)](#)

June 24, 2009
[Small Business Regulatory Fairness Board meeting](#)

June 30, 2009
[Missouri Women's Council Award of Distinction - deadline for nominees](#)

July 7, 2009
[Wind Energy Supply Chain Workshop](#)
Springfield-Joplin

July 9, 2009

subheadings. [Link here](#) (click on *Browse Communities* at top of page) to view the information for your county. [Read more...](#)

Missouri Ranks No. 23 for Growth in GDP

According to recent statistics from the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, Missouri ranked No. 23 for real gross domestic product (GDP) growth in 2008. Real GDP is the total of goods and services produced with adjustments for inflation. Per capita real GDP in Missouri was \$32,779 in 2008, up 1.3 percent from \$32,532 in 2007. [Read more...](#)



Small Businesses Invited to Testify on Regulatory Fairness of State Agencies



The Small Business Regulatory Fairness Board will meet at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 24, in Room 470 of the Governor Office Building, Jefferson City. A public hearing will follow, beginning at 1 p.m. at the same location. The board will receive testimony during the public hearing with regard to state agencies' efforts to include small business in the development of their rules and regulations. Registration for small business comments will begin at 12:30 p.m. [Read more...](#)



Hispanic Population Continues to Grow in Missouri



In 2008, 189,700 Hispanics called Missouri home, an increase of 60 percent since 2000. U.S. Census Bureau estimates for 2008 show the population of those of Hispanic origin accounted for 3.2 percent of Missouri's population. [Read more...](#)

What Leaders Must Understand about Economics - Part Three

In today's financial climate, every person should have a basic understanding of economics, now more than ever. This report, the third of a four-part series, builds on information from the first two parts, introducing the multiplier effect and the location quotient. Read on to learn about or review what leaders MUST understand about economics. [Part One](#), [Part Two](#), [Part Three...](#)



DED Awards \$968,061 in Enhanced Enterprise Zone Tax Credits to Marston Business for Creation of New Jobs, \$36M Investment

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



St. Louis Exceeds Youth Employment Goals

As of June 6, the St. Louis Agency on Training and Employment (SLATE) had placed 811 youths into summer jobs and internships as part of the UrbanFORCE-Next-Generations Jobs Team. The number exceeded its goal of 40 percent of youth placed, just one month into the program. Alice Prince, MA, SLATE's Youth



California Company Brings 100 Jobs to Kirksville

California-based Wi-Fi Sensors, Inc. has purchased the building where Hollister Incorporated is currently located in Kirksville. The two manufacturing companies will divide the space, and Hollister will lease back the portion it uses. Wi-Fi has already hired 10 workers, but is

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July 16, 2009
[NAP Workshop](#)

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

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

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[Governor's Conference on Economic Development](#)

October 4 - 7, 2009
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and investment in the Marston area.

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Department of Economic Development Grants Enhanced Enterprise Zone Designation to Crawford County

The Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED) has announced approval of Enhanced Enterprise Zone (EEZ) designation for Crawford County. This designation will allow Crawford County officials to continue to move forward with the county's economic development efforts. [Read more...](#)

Missouri Ozarks featured in Route 66 Book

Jasper County, including Carthage and the surrounding area, is prominently included in a new book "Route 66 in the Missouri Ozarks." The book is a compilation of photos and postcards of points of interests on Route 66 that runs through eight counties - Crawford, Phelps, Pulaski, Laclede, Webster, Green, Lawrence and Jasper. A St. Louis radio personality and traffic reporter, Joe Sonderman, wrote the book, which picks up the journey of Route 66 west where its companion book, "Route 66 in St. Louis," leaves off. [Read more...](#)

Daviess County Visitors' Center Opens

The Daviess County Visitors' Center, housed in the historic 1889 Squirrel Cage Jail in Gallatin, is now open for the summer season with free admission. The jail building is listed on the National Register of Historic Places due to its

Services Manager, coordinates the operations of the program, including an extraordinary outreach campaign which even included a [You Tube video](#). She chalked up the early success to the contributions of the team (two of whom flank Alice in this [photo](#)), "I think of our team like a well maintained car. All parts of the car are important and if one was missing the car would not function properly. One Team, One Goal! We all made it happen!" Before UrbanFORCE youth are referred to a company for employment, they receive a work readiness training that covers deductive reasoning skills, positive attitudes, the importance of this experience, accountability, time management, and conflict mediation. They also attend a "High Performance Skills Workshop," bi-weekly debriefing sessions and work one-on-one with a counselor daily until they are placed. Alice's goal is to double placements to 1,611 by June 15. [Read more...](#)

State Promotes Posting of Stimulus Jobs on MissouriCareerSource

On June 3, Commissioner of the Office of Administration Kelvin Simmons and DWD Director Julie Gibson sent a letter to state agencies requesting that they list new jobs funded by federal Recovery Act on the state's on-line job system, [MissouriCareerSource.com](#). According to the [letter](#), "Some of the benefits of using MissouriCareerSource are immediate access to the

still looking for more employees to work in assembly line, maintenance, human resources and managerial positions. [Read more...](#)

Advantage Capital Invests \$7M in Kansas Company's Move to Missouri

Venture capital firm Advantage Capital Partners has invested \$7 million in funding for Sunflower Food & Spice Company, Ltd. to move its headquarters from Kansas to Kansas City, Mo. and assist with continued growth of the company. The investment was made possible by the Missouri New Markets Development program. The move will bring 25 full-time employees to Missouri, as well as added tax revenues and community growth. [Read more...](#)

Neuroolutions Developing Device to Assist Paralyzed Patients

A St. Louis-based startup company, Neuroolutions, is working to develop a small electrocorticography (ECoG) device that can be surgically implanted on the surface of the brain to enable paralyzed patients to operate artificial limbs, a computer and other equipment. The technology is based on a device used to monitor brain activity in patients who suffer from uncontrolled epileptic seizures. [Read more...](#)

Callaway Nuclear Plant Receives Top Industry Practice Award

The Nuclear Energy Institute has recognized the Callaway Nuclear Plant near Fulton with a Top Industry Practice (TIP) Award for completing an

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unique rotary jail design. It is one of only three that survive from an era when a premium was placed on security with little concern for prisoner safety. The stationary cage, with an inner hand-cranked rotating cell deck, have been refabricated using as many original parts as possible. [Read more...](#)

largest pool of jobseekers in Missouri, and, more importantly, access to Unemployment Insurance claimants with recent and relevant work experience. Additionally, there is one-on-one assistance available from Missouri Career Center staff and the service is free." There are currently over 11,000 job openings posted on MissouriCareerSource. For questions about the website, contact Roger Baugher at (573) 751-7897 or Lisa K. Johnson at (573) 522-3017.

innovative pipe replacement project at the plant. The AmerenUE plant received the TIP Materials and Services Process Award for being the first nuclear plant in the U.S. to use high-density polyethylene piping in a safety-related system. [Read more...](#)

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KC Southern Officials Meet with Mexican President



Kansas City Southern (KCS) Railroad Chairman and CEO Mike Haverty and KCS de Mexico SA de CV President Jose Zozaya recently met with Mexican President Felipe Calderon and Secretary of Communications and Transport Juan Molinar at Los

Pinos, the Mexican presidential residence. The talks focused on development of the key western natural deepwater Port of Lazaro Cardenas in Michoacan, public/private partnerships to improve rail infrastructure and the resolution of trackage rights issues. [Read more...](#)

Industry Focus: Agribusiness

Scientists around the globe are showing their support for biodiesel. More than 80 scientists have signed their names to an online list of biodiesel supporters, agreeing that the fuel can reduce dependence on petroleum, help address climate change and boost domestic economies. Co-chairs of the campaign include Dr. Roger Beachy, President of the Donald Danforth Plant Science Center in St. Louis and Dr. Rob Myers from the Thomas Jefferson Agricultural Institute in Columbia, Mo. [Read more...](#)



Industry Focus: Energy



Alternative energy developers are looking at Missouri for expanding their renewable energy sources. Missouri Department of Natural Resources director Mark Templeton said, "Missouri has opportunity in wind. It has opportunity in solar. I think it will have great opportunity in biomass. We need to be looking at all of them." With

three wind farms already in the state's northwest corner, other companies are now looking at Missouri for wind energy resources. And, with two powerful rivers running along and through the state, energy developers are also investing in hydropower. [Read more...](#)



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