

October 9, 2009

## MISSOURI COMMUNITY NEWS

### DED Offers Second October Webinar: October 27 – Local TIF Annual Report



The Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED) has scheduled an additional webinar for October 27, from 10 a.m. to noon. The **Local TIF Annual Report** webinar will walk communities through

required reporting for designated local TIF's. Presenter will be Hal VanSlyck with Business and Community Services. [Register here](#) for the free Local TIF Annual Report webinar. [Submit suggestions](#) for future webinar topics. [Register here](#) for the October 14 New Markets Tax Credit webinar.

### Lee's Summit Economic Development Council Receives IEDC Award

The International Economic Development Council (IEDC) recognized the Lee's Summit Economic Development Council (LSEDC) with an honorable mention for its exceptional annual report at the IEDC Annual Conference, in Reno, Nevada, this week. Competing in the category of Annual Report by organizations serving areas with populations between 50,000 and 200,000, LSEDC made a notable impression with its *Upward & Outward 2007-2008 Annual Report*. [Read more...](#)



### Neosho Council Approves Land Purchase for DREAM Project



The Neosho City Council has agreed to purchase land to create an improved site for a farmer's market. Demolition of existing structures on the property will be assisted by a Community Development Block Grant, and falls within the community's DREAM initiative plan for blighted areas. [Read more...](#)

### Boonville Surveying Residents for DREAM Initiative

Residents of DREAM community Boonville may be contacted to participate in a survey to gauge their perception of revitalizing the downtown. The survey is being carried out by St. Louis-based UNICOM-ARC in conjunction with the Downtown Revitalization and Economic Assistance for Missouri (DREAM) Initiative. [Read more...](#)



### Springfield Women's Recovery Center Awarded \$1.2M Grant



The U.S. Department of Health & Human Services' Center for Substance Abuse Treatment has awarded a \$1.2 million grant to the Carol Jones Recovery Center for Women in Springfield. The grant will help support the Community Works: Keeping Families Safe, Healthy and Together project. [Read more...](#)

### Washington Univ., St. Louis Zoo Receive Federal Grants

The Institute of Museum and Library Services has

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Missouri Partnership Events: Sept. - Nov. 2009**

[Schedule of Missouri Partnership Marketing Events](#)

**September 17 - October 13, 2009**

["Outstanding Women of Missouri" Traveling Exhibit](#)  
1030 Main St.  
Lexington, Mo.

**October 12 - 14, 2009**

[CoreNet Global Fall Summit](#)

**October 13 - 17, 2009**

[Greater KC Chamber of Commerce Partnership Mission to Vancouver](#)

**October 14, 2009**

[DED Webinar: New Markets Tax Credit Program](#)

**October 15, 2009**

[Japan Robot Night](#)

**October 18 - 19, 2009**

[46th Annual MCB Conference](#)

**October 20, 2009**

["Know Your Region"](#)

awarded a total of \$425,405 in federal grants to Washington University and the Saint Louis Zoo. Washington University will work with the Missouri History Museum to digitize the St. Louis Circuit Court's historical records. The Saint Louis Zoo will use the funding for workshops for scientists studying mate choice in animals. [Read more...](#)



## FOCUS ON MISSOURI

### DED Awards Second Round of Recipients of Low-interest Loans as Part of Small Business Loan Program



The Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED) has announced the second group of Missouri small businesses that have been awarded low-interest loans as part of Governor Nixon's Missouri Small Business Loan Program. Created by the Governor's executive order and approved by the Missouri Development Finance Board (MDFB), the Small Business Loan Program provides much-needed capital to small businesses in a challenging economy. The announcement of 19 small business loan recipients includes awardees from across Missouri. [Read more...](#)

### Missouri's First Certified Site Application Now Available Online!

The Certified Sites program was created to provide consistent standards for the development potential of commercial or industrial development sites. The benefit of having a site "certified" is the reduction of risk associated with development of specific sites by providing upfront and consistent information. Earlier this summer, the Missouri Department of Economic Development announced the state's first Certified Site in Columbia, Missouri. To review the Ewing Industrial Park's completed application online, go to [Missouri LocationOne](#) (then click on "Document Gallery" on left side of page). Application materials for the Missouri Certified Sites Program, as well as a Resource Guide that includes instructions for finding required information, samples and attachments, can be found [here](#) or by contacting [Joel McNutt](#) at (573) 522-6704.



### Missouri Featured on Inboundlogistics.com Web Site



Inboundlogistics.com recently featured Missouri as a stellar spot for logistics and business location. With sections on Missouri's central location, transportation system, ideal industrial facilities and various features and regions throughout the state, this article positions Missouri well as a top location for business. [Read more...](#)



### Missouri Life Sciences Field Employs Most Missouri Science and Engineering Doctorates



Missouri's workforce is home to 9,300 doctoral scientists and engineers, according to data from the National Science Foundation. The life sciences field, which includes biological, agricultural and environmental specialties, employs one-third of the state's science and engineering doctorates, more than any other science or engineering field. [Read more...](#)

### MERIC Staffer's Son on Jeopardy

October 21 - 24, 2009  
[Taiwan International Green Industry Show \(TiGiS\) 2009](#)

October 22, 2009  
[Expanding Horizons Workshop](#)

October 22 - 23, 2009  
[AIM's 2009 Missouri Tax Conference](#)

October 27, 2009  
[DED Webinar: Local TIF Annual Report](#)

October 28 - 30, 2009  
[MEDC Fall Conference](#)

November 1 - 5, 2009  
[Annual Energy Sector Mission](#)

November 3 - 4, 2009  
[China Overseas Investment Fair \(COIF\) 2009](#)  
[Trade Show Commitment Form](#)

November 4 - 6, 2009  
[2009 Statewide Historic Preservation Conference: Protecting the Irreplaceable](#)

November 4 - 6, 2009  
[North America Works + National Forum on Trade Policy 2009 Conference](#)

## PAST ISSUES

[Missouri Focus October 2, 2009](#)

[Missouri Focus September 25, 2009](#)

[Missouri Focus September 18, 2009](#)

[Missouri Focus September 11, 2009](#)

Jeff Niblack, son of MERIC staffer Bill Niblack and his wife Ruth, appeared on the television game show “Jeopardy” on September 28. Jeff had taken the online qualifying test earlier in the year “on a lark,” but was contacted by the show for an in-person audition, test, and mock game. He was greatly surprised when he got a call a month later inviting him to Los Angeles to be on the show. Although he didn’t win, he met his goals of playing through to Final Jeopardy and enjoying the experience. Jeff is a senior analyst for the U.S. Governmental Accountability Office (GAO) in Washington D.C.



**DED awards Neighborhood Assistance Program Tax Credits to Chillicothe Non-profit Organization**

A not-for-profit organization in DREAM community Chillicothe has been approved for tax credits under the Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP) by the Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED) to focus on the Main Street Chillicothe Program through downtown revitalization and economic development.

[Read more...](#)

**DED Awards \$1.1M in NAP Tax Credits to Five Southwest Missouri Non-profit Organizations**

Five southwest Missouri not-for-profit organizations have been approved for a total of \$1,185,164 in tax credits under the Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP), the Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED) has announced. [Read more...](#)

**City of Dexter Awarded \$355,000 Emergency CDBG for Wastewater Improvement Project**

The Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED) has announced that the city of Dexter has been approved for a \$355,000 emergency Community



**Gov. Nixon Thanks Next-Gen Businesses and Youth**

Capping off the highly successful [Next-Generation Jobs Team](#) summer youth program that greatly exceeded planned enrollments and received national attention, Gov. Nixon sent out thank you letters to the 2,100+ [businesses](#) who provided the program’s work experiences and internships, and the 8,000+ [youth](#) who signed up to work in them. Citing the “extraordinary investment” from the businesses that will have “limitless results,” Gov. Nixon noted that the youth will have a much greater chance of finding successful employment because of their contribution. He lauded the youth’s involvement, saying, “By participating in this pioneering effort, you gained experience that will help you determine the course of your career and were part of something historically significant.”

**Independence Job Fair Attracts Applicants for Event Center**

Members of the Independence Career Center business team recently joined forces with the [Independence Council for Economic](#)



**St. Louis Firm’s Electronic Hamsters Make Holiday “Hottest Toys” List**

Electronic toy hamsters made by Cepia LLC in Clayton, marketed under the Zhu Zhu Pets name, have been named on Toys “R” Us and *FanFare Magazine*’s list of hottest holiday toys. Zhu Zhu Pets hamsters move around in hamster tubes and squeak when petted on the nose, but require no clean up or feeding. [Read more...](#)

**Recovery Act Changes to SBA Loan Programs Sparked Major Mid-Year Turn-Around in Volume**

Changes under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to U.S. Small Business Administration loan programs led to a rebound in SBA-backed loans for small businesses and greater access to much-needed capital. Since the Recovery Act was signed on Feb. 17, SBA has supported more than \$11.3 billion in lending to small businesses through its two largest loan programs. [Read more...](#)

**Noranda Aluminum Back to Full Capacity**

Gov. Jay Nixon was on hand last week to announce that Noranda Aluminum will start back up

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[State of Missouri](#)

[Missouri Business Portal](#)

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[MERIC](#)

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

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[Economic Development at Mizzou](#)

[University of Missouri Extension](#)

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

Development Block Grant (CDBG) for a wastewater improvement project. The grant will be utilized to install a pump station that will handle all of the wastewater discharged by Tyson Foods, Inc. [Read more...](#)

### **DREAM Community Trenton Awarded \$100,000 CDBG to Assist with Downtown Revitalization Efforts**

The city of Trenton, a Downtown Revitalization and Economic Assistance for Missouri (DREAM) community, has been approved for a \$100,000 grant under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program on behalf of the Trenton Downtown Improvement Association. The grant will be utilized to assist in the hiring of a downtown manager. [Read more...](#)

### **DED Awards NAP Tax Credits to Two St. Louis area Non-profit Organizations**

The Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED) today announced that two St. Louis area not-for-profit organizations have been approved for tax credits under the Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP). [Read more...](#)

[Development](#) and Global Entertainment to put on a job fair to recruit job seekers for the new [Independence Events Center](#). The center is slated to open in November and will host the Missouri Mavericks Hockey Team and other entertainment venues. Career Center business representative Steve Dempsey thanked Jodi Krantz, Mike Meade, Sharon Hendrix, Carla Majors, Roxie Montgomery and other team members who made the job fair a success. [Read more...](#)

### **South Central WIB Unveils New Website**

The [South Central Workforce Investment Board](#) (WIB) just launched its revamped Web site, providing a variety of new technological features for local job seekers, employers, and other workforce system stakeholders. Tana Holder, Executive Director of the South Central WIB, introduced the site on Tuesday, calling attention to the impressive Next-Generation Jobs Team streaming [video](#).

its third production line and return to full capacity with 38 laid-off workers being rehired. Two million dollars in job retention training funds and \$1 million in stimulus funding will help provide upgrades at the New Madrid plant. [Read more...](#)

### **Jack Henry Completes Goldleaf Financial Acquisition**

Jack Henry & Associates of Monett has closed the \$19 million deal to acquire Georgia-based Goldleaf Financial Solutions, Inc. The acquisition will give Jack Henry clients more technology options and increases the company's market presence with a broader array of products and services. [Read more...](#)

[Missouri Business Development Program](#)

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

[MoFAST](#)

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

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## GLOBAL NEWS

### **Service Sector Shows Increases in September, First in Over a Year**



The Institute for Supply Management announced this week that the service index hit 50.9 in September, up from 48.4 in August. Analysts polled by Thomson Reuters had expected a reading of 50, the dividing line between growth and contraction. The U.S. service sector grew in September for the first time in 13 months, an encouraging sign for the fledgling economic recovery. [Read more...](#)

### **Boeing Receives Australian Industry Award for F-111 Support**

On Oct. 2 in Brisbane, Boeing received an Engineering

Excellence Award, Resource Development category, from the Queensland Division of Engineers Australia. The award from the state's top engineering organization recognizes Boeing Defence Australia's best practices in support of Australia's F-111 strike aircraft fleet. Boeing Defence Australia, a wholly owned Boeing subsidiary and a business unit of Boeing Integrated Defense Systems, has nearly 2,000 employees at 13 locations throughout Australia supporting programs for the Australian government and defense forces, international and commercial customers. [Read more...](#)



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