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MISSOURI COMMUNITY NEWS

DED Offers Monthly Webinar Series: August 27 - Historic Tax Credits



The Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED) has scheduled its next webinar for August 27, 9-11 a.m. The [Historic Tax Credits](#) webinar will include HB191 legislative changes and implementation of the changes to the program. [Register here](#) for the free Historic Tax Credits webinar. [Submit suggestions](#) for future webinar topics.

DED Issues Call for Proposals for CDBG Disaster Assistance Funding

The Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED) is requesting proposals for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding in areas of the state affected by weather-related disasters during 2008. Eligible applicants are units of local government (cities and counties) located in an area receiving a presidential disaster declaration in 2008. Proposals for funding must be submitted to DED and postmarked no later than September 4. [Read more...](#)



Fifth Annual Community Resource Fair in Kansas City



Hand in Hand: Working for Children and Families

The 5th Annual Community Resource Fair will be held Thursday, September 10, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Kansas City Convention Center, Bartle Hall, Grand Ballroom. This is an event for professionals and the public-at-large to learn about organizations showcasing their services and resources available to assist children, families, at-risk youth, the homeless and the elderly. The event is free to the public. [Read more...](#)

National Development Council Debuts Online Training

The National Development Council (NDC) recently announced its new online training sessions that combine the best of a classroom setting with the convenience of anywhere access to NDC training.



Registrations received by the registration deadline for each course will receive a 10 percent discount on tuition, and certified Economic Development Finance Professionals (EDFPs) and Housing Development Finance Professionals (HDFPs) will also save an additional 10 percent. [Read more...](#)

ARCHS' Pre-K Partner Set to Open New Center

The new William L. Clay Sr. Early Childhood Development and Parenting Education Center is ready to open at Harris-Stowe State University. The dedication ceremony and tours for the \$17.5 million facility will take place today at 10 a.m., directly in front of the center, which is located at 10 N.

UPCOMING EVENTS

June, July, August

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

August 18 - 21, 2009

[Missouri Main Street Conference: Get Plugged In...Downtown](#)

August 27, 2009

[DED Webinar: Historic Tax Credits](#)

Missouri Partnership Events - Sept.-Nov. 2009

[Schedule of Missouri Partnership Marketing Events](#)

September 1, 2009

[KC Animal Health Investment Forum](#)

September 9, 2009

[Missouri Women's Council Board Meeting](#)

12 Noon
Hyatt Regency Riverfront Hotel, St. Louis
(during Governor's Conference)

September 9 - 11, 2009

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Compton Avenue, St. Louis. "This building will not only serve the Harris-Stowe community, but the entire St. Louis community overall," said Dr. Henry Givens Jr., President of Harris-Stowe. [Read more...](#)

MEDC Offers IEDC Course: "Economic Development Marketing and Attraction"

The Missouri Economic Development Council (MEDC) is sponsoring the International Economic Development Council (IEDC) course, "Economic Development Marketing and Attraction," September 17-18, at the Crowne Plaza St. Louis Downtown Hotel. It is important for you to register through the [MEDC web site](#) in order to take advantage of the reduced membership fee that IEDC offers to the host organization. [Read more...](#)



FOCUS ON MISSOURI

Governor's Conference Closing, Keynote Speaker Announced



Jim Carroll is one of the world's leading futurists, trends and innovation experts. And it's his inspirational, transformative thinking that will help you discover opportunity in an era of high-velocity change. Jim has a track record of providing unique guidance on cutting edge trends, and identifying opportunities for innovation to some of the most prestigious organizations in the world. Carroll will close the Governor's Conference on Economic Development with his presentation on Friday, September 11, 10:30 a.m., at the Hyatt Regency St. Louis Riverfront Hotel. [Read more...](#) (scroll down to keynote speaker bios)

Register now for Exhibit Space at the Governor's Conference on Economic Development

A few exhibit booth spaces are still available for the 2009 Governor's Conference on Economic Development, Sept. 9-11, at the Hyatt Regency St. Louis Riverfront Hotel. Come "show and sell" your products or specialized services, while meeting with a statewide audience of decision-makers from businesses, communities, industries, education, government, associations and non-profit organizations. [Register here](#) or contact [Andrea Sporcic](#) at (573) 751-6573 to reserve your exhibit space by August 21. [Governor's Conference web site...](#)



Rail Projects Added to Five-year Plan for Stimulus Funds



The Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission has added \$200 million worth of rail projects to its five-year construction plan, pending the approval of \$8 billion in stimulus funding from the federal government. Missouri's projects focus on the Union Pacific tracks used by Amtrak passenger trains between St. Louis and Kansas City. [Read more...](#)



Business Conditions Improve in Missouri

The Missouri Business Conditions Index rose in July, according to a Creighton University study released Monday. The Business Conditions Index is a monthly report compiled by the

Economic Development

September 10, 2009
[5th Annual Community Resource Fair](#)

Hand in Hand: Working with Children and Families

September 10 - 11, 2009
[IEDC Training Course: Managing Economic Development Organizations](#)

Registration price-break through August 27

September 17 - 18, 2009
["Economic Development Marketing and Attraction"](#)

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

October 4 - 7, 2009
[AFCOM Data Center World@ Conference](#)

October 6 - 9, 2009
[BioJapan 2009 World Business Forum](#)

October 12 - 14, 2009
[CoreNet Global Fall Summit](#)

October 13 - 17, 2009
[Greater KC Chamber of Commerce Partnership Mission to Vancouver](#)

October 18 - 19, 2009
[46th Annual MCB Conference](#)
Capitol Plaza,
Jefferson City

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

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



university's Economic Forecasting Group. Missouri broke its nine-month streak of an index below growth-neutral 50, rising to 52.6 in July from June's 49.7. [Read more...](#)

Census Bureau Releases New Health Insurance Data

The Census Bureau's Small Area Health Insurance Estimates (SAHIE) program produces estimates of health insurance coverage for states and all counties. In August 2009, SAHIE released 2006 estimates of health insurance coverage by age, sex, race, Hispanic origin, and income categories at the state-level and by age, sex, and income categories at the county-level. [Read more...](#)



Department of Economic Development Grants Enhanced Enterprise Zone Designation to Mount Vernon

The city of Mount Vernon has received Enhanced Enterprise Zone (EEZ) designation by the Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED). This designation will allow city officials to continue to move forward with economic development efforts. [Read more...](#)

DED awards \$971,660 in Enhanced Enterprise Zone Tax Credits to KC Business for Creation of 157 New Jobs, \$17.8M in Investment

Kansas City's Mars Petcare US, Inc., has been approved for \$971,660 in state tax credits by the Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED) over a five-year period for the creation of 157 new jobs and new investment of \$17,800,000 under the Enhanced Enterprise Zone (EEZ) program. The business operations at the project facility will be manufacturing. [Read more...](#)



Martínez Praises Ozark Youth Training for Auto Sector

Some youth in the Ozark Region's Next-Generation Jobs Team (NGJT) are taking advantage of the opportunity to train for a career in Missouri's automotive sector. Since Michael Perry's internship (seen in this [photo](#)) at Dan's Automotive in Marshfield began, he has learned a great deal about the technical skills required for automotive industry jobs. Jamie Moss, Summer Youth Program Coordinator for the Ozark Region states, "Overall, the NGJT program has been a very positive experience for our region's businesses and youth, as evidenced by examples like Michael." DED Director Linda Martínez highlighted the positive aspect of automotive training for our state, "Despite recent setbacks, giving up on the auto industry in Missouri is simply not an option. We have the most skilled autoworkers in the nation right here in our state, men and women who take a great deal of pride in their craft, who are anxious



Stimulus Plan Expands Bond Opportunities for Manufacturers to Help Create Jobs

Among the many incentives included in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act are special bond provisions offering manufacturing companies a previously unavailable avenue to tax-exempt funds needed for expansion. The new bond adjustments apply through the end of 2010 and include: removal of the 25 percent ancillary facility limitation; the ability to use the bonds to produce intangible property; and temporary suspension of the alternative minimum tax (AMT). [Read more...](#)

MRI Researchers Advance Studies of Algae, Biofuels

Algae-based technologies are excellent candidates for reducing carbon emissions from many industries and for producing biofuels. With its new Center for Integrated Algal Research, the Midwest Research Institute is among the top institutes in the nation for the study and development of biofuels and addressing

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DED Grants Enhanced Enterprise Zone Designation to Independence

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

Kennett Hosts DREAM Kickoff Meeting

The city of Kennett hosted its DREAM Initiative Strategic Plan Public meeting last week, symbolizing the first step in adopting a final strategic plan. According to city officials involved in the process, the final strategic plan incorporates all aspects of the DREAM Initiative, including survey results, demand analysis, reviews, and marketing plans. [Read more...](#)

to get back to work. We are committed to locating and attracting new manufacturers, especially those that are building the next generation of 'green' motor vehicles, to take advantage of a great Missouri resource and return these auto industry jobs to our state."

Program Builds St. Joe Youths' Job Readiness

Several northwest Missouri youth have been receiving valuable career development opportunities from the St. Joseph, Mo.-based [Heartland Foundation](#) in cooperation with the area workforce system. Heartland is an employer of the Next-Generation Jobs Team and is currently employing eight interns at its "EmpowerU" high-tech learning facility. Last week, a training counselor from the Missouri Career Center in St. Joseph helped the interns add to their job competitiveness by administering the WorkKeys skills assessment system that leads to a Missouri Career Readiness Certificate or [MoCRC](#). Intern Jacob Gunter blogged about his experience, "I would like to thank the Missouri Career Center for their participation in Heartland Foundation's Next Generation Jobs Team Internship, and preparing me for the future." Cathie Chalfant, operations manager for the Northwest Workforce Investment Board stated, "We are very impressed with the high quality philanthropic internship program that the foundation designed. The interns not only received professional work readiness skills, several

carbon dioxide capture. [Read more...](#)

Kansas City Hybrid Makers Get Stimulus Grants

Two Kansas City area vehicle plants have received stimulus grants for the production of hybrid and electric vehicles. Smith Electric Vehicles U.S. won a \$10 million grant, and Lee's Summit-based Kokam America Inc. received \$161 million for its Michigan battery plant, which will supply batteries for Smith Electric. Ford Motor Co. received \$30 million for production of hybrid vehicles in Kansas City and Michigan. [Read more...](#)

Sigma-Aldrich Acquires ChemNavigator

St. Louis-based Sigma-Aldrich has acquired ChemNavigator.com Inc., a provider of software used to identify and procure chemistry needed for drug discovery and research. The acquisition will link ChemNavigator's database of more than 60 million compounds with Sigma-Aldrich's strengths in chemical compound management, procurement and distribution. [Read more...](#)

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earned the Gold level MoCRC. These will be invaluable tools that they will be able to take with them as they prepare to enter the workforce.”

GLOBAL NEWS

Missouri Companies Offered Special Opportunity to Exhibit at the Taiwan International Green Industry Show



The Taiwan International Green Industry Show (TiGiS) 2009 is Taiwan's leading event for excellence and innovation in the energy, environment, water and land sections. TiGiS 2009 will be held October 21-24 at Taipei World Trade Center Exhibition Hall. Missouri's Taiwan Trade Office has been offered a huge discount for Missouri companies to exhibit at

TiGiS with two participation options: 1) Company representatives from your office or your Taiwan agent are invited to exhibit in the Missouri booth, or 2) Missouri's Taiwan Office staff will represent you. [Read more...](#)

New Location in KC for Mexican Consulate

The new address of the Consulate of Mexico in Kansas City is: 1617 Baltimore Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri 64108, Phone: (816) 556-0800 and Fax: (816) 556-0900. The new location is just across the street from the previous location.



Kansas City area Engineering Firms Work Global Projects



Several of the Kansas City area's larger engineering firms are working on projects around the globe. From California to Salt Lake City to Hong Kong, firms such as Burns & McDonnell, HNTB Corp., Terracon Consultants Inc. and Black & Veatch are directing worldwide projects that sometimes bring with them unforeseen challenges. [Read more...](#)

Unemployment Rate Declines in July - First Decrease in Over a Year

According to recent figures from the U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL), the nation's unemployment rate declined in July for the first time in more than a year. The July rate of 9.4 percent was slightly lower than June's rate of 9.5 percent. The average monthly job loss for May through July (331,000) was about half the average decline for November through April (645,000). [Read more...](#)



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