

August 21, 2009

## MISSOURI COMMUNITY NEWS

**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...](#)

**9-11 Day of Service and Remembrance Campaign**

Citizens, high schools and community groups, plus disaster response organizations and personnel throughout Missouri, are encouraged to play a part in the "9-11 Day of Service and Remembrance" campaign, September 11, on the south lawn of the Missouri State Capitol. The event, sponsored by the Missouri Department of Economic Development's Missouri Community Service Commission (MCSC), in conjunction with several other service agencies, veterans and other local organizations, will honor the memory of those who made the ultimate sacrifice on September 11, 2001, as well as pay homage to the heroes who protect us each day. [Read more...](#)

**Registration Is Now Open for NDC's 2010 Course Offerings**

The National Development Council (NDC) has recently published its 2010 Training Schedule. In addition to four-course certification programs: Economic Development Finance Professional (EDFP) and Housing Development Finance

Professional (HDFP), NDC will offer 2- and 3-day Professional Development courses on topics ranging from asset management for affordable housing to the Neighborhood Stabilization Program. [Read more...](#)

**City of Springfield Offers Community Updates with New Web Site**

The city of Springfield has unveiled a redesigned Web site that offers instant information about city alerts, traffic, community events and other news using Nixle Web-based services. The program is customizable so that communities can choose which city organizations they want to receive information from and how often. The city's [redesigned Web site](#) is focused on making information more accessible and user-friendly for citizens. [Read more...](#)

**Nominations Sought for Heroes of the Planet Awards**

The *St. Louis Business Journal* is partnering with the Missouri Botanical Garden to present the second annual Heroes of the

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**June, July, August**

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

**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**

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

**September 10, 2009**

[5th Annual Community Resource Fair](#)



Planet Awards, which will honor and promote businesses, communities, products and more, that have outperformed their industry in promoting and advancing environmental sustainability within the St. Louis region. Awards will be given to standouts in the following categories: Sustainable Visionary, Sustainable Communities, Sustainable Employee Programs, Sustainable Business Operations, Sustainable Products, Sustainable Alliances and Giving Green. All nominations must be received by 5 p.m. today, August 21. [Read more...](#)

## FOCUS ON MISSOURI

### Governor's Conference on Economic Development to Honor Recipients of Outstanding Achievement Awards



Economic developers, community leaders and city planners will be just some of the people attending the 2009 Governor's Conference on Economic

Development, September 9-11, at the Hyatt Regency Riverfront Hotel in St. Louis. Gov. Jay Nixon will recognize individuals, communities and companies from around the state for their outstanding achievements. Make your reservations now to attend - time is running out! Check out the latest information for keynote speakers and breakout sessions at the [Governor's Conference Web site...](#)

### Nixon Awards First 10 Recipients of Low-interest Loans as part of his Small Business Loan Program

Gov. Jay Nixon has announced the first 10 Missouri small businesses that have been awarded low-interest loans as part of his Missouri Small Business Loan Program. Created by the Governor's executive order and approved by the Missouri Development Finance Board, the announcement of the first round of recipients is a significant milestone in Gov. Nixon's agenda for economic development by providing much-needed capital to small businesses during these difficult times. [Read more...](#)



### Gov. Nixon Announces Joint State, Electric Co-op Initiative to Expand Broadband Internet across Missouri



Gov. Jay Nixon visited the headquarters of Sho-Me Power and Sho-Me Technologies in Marshfield last week to announce that the state and Sho-Me Technologies have partnered together to apply for \$142.3 million in federal recovery funds to significantly expand the reach of broadband Internet service in Missouri. A critical piece of the five-year [MoBroadbandNow](#) project, this initiative would expand broadband accessibility to 91.5 percent of the total population, a significant increase from current projected accessibility of 79.7 percent. [Read more...](#) (Photo courtesy of Governor's office)

*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**

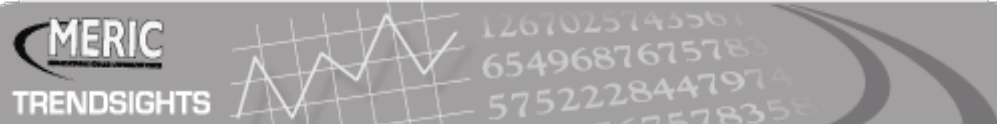
[Taiwan International Green Industry Show \(TiGiS\) 2009](#)

**October 22 - 23, 2009**

[AIM's 2009 Missouri Tax Conference](#)

**November 3 - 4, 2009**

[China Overseas Investment Fair \(COIF\) 2009](#)  
[Trade Show Commitment Form](#)



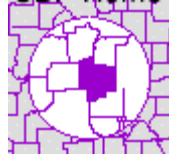
### St. Louis, Kansas City Rank High in Education and Health Jobs



According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, St. Louis ranks No. 14 and Kansas City ranks No. 25 for jobs added in education and health services in the nation over the past year. Hiring in education and health services is taking place nationally, adding nearly a quarter-million jobs in the 100 largest labor markets in the U.S. since the middle of last year - including 3,500 jobs in St. Louis and 1,700 in the Kansas City metro area. [Read more...](#)

## County Business Patterns Update

The U.S. Census Bureau has released new County Business Patterns: 2007, an annual report that contains data covering the more than 7.7 million businesses with paid employees, at the national and state levels and more than 3,100 counties. The report provides data on the number of establishments, number of employees, and quarterly and annual payroll for most of the 1,100 industries, according to the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). [Read more...](#)



### Department of Economic Development Awards \$292,150 in CDBG Community Facility Funding to Curryville

The city of Curryville has been approved for \$292,150 in community facility funding under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. The grant will be utilized to construct a new fire station for the Curryville Volunteer Fire Department, the Missouri Department of Economic Development announced. [Read more...](#)

### St. Mary Awarded \$500,000 CDBG for Water System Improvement Project

St. Mary has been approved for a \$500,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) by the Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED). The grant will be utilized to renovate the existing water storage and distribution system in order to connect to St. Genevieve Co. PWSD No. 1 for the purchase of water. [Read more...](#)

### Barnett Awarded \$485,000 CDBG for Wastewater System Improvement Project

The city of Barnett has been approved for a



### Springfield Job Seekers See More Jobs

A recent feature on KY3 news in Springfield describes how the increase in posted job openings is providing encouragement for the area's job seekers. The Ozark workforce region, which includes the Springfield and Branson career centers, has roughly doubled the number of job postings by employers that it had six months ago, prompting one local workforce official to call it a "good upturn" and a "real improvement to the local economy." [Read more...](#)

### Independence Career Center, Local Paper Partner to Post Jobs

When Independence Career Center Business Representative Steve Dempsey received a call from the [Raytown Post](#) asking if there was a way to share area job openings with readers, he recognized the opportunity. Steve set up a process to forward current [MissouriCareerSource.com](#) job openings from the surrounding area, so that the paper now features descriptions and job order numbers for all positions in its Marketplace section. Now a



### "Cash for Clunkers" Increases Work at Ford's Claycomo Plant

Ford Motor Co. will boost production of the Escape SUV and other fuel efficient vehicles at its Claycomo assembly plant in response to demand from the Cash for Clunkers program. The increase amounts to about 2,000 workers on the production line returning to work early from a one-week summer shutdown that began this week. [Read more...](#)

### Missouri Companies Make Inc. 5000 Fastest Growing Private Firms

Seventy Missouri companies were recently ranked in *Inc.* magazine's annual list of the 5,000 fastest-growing companies in the nation. Qualifying companies must be U.S.-based; privately held, for profit firms; independent with no subsidiaries or divisions of other companies; and must have achieved revenues of at least \$200,000 in 2005 and \$2 million in 2008. [Read more...](#) (Use Advanced Search to filter Missouri companies)

### \$1B Canadian Contract Awarded to Boeing

The Boeing Co. has received a \$1.15 billion contract to build 15

Register by August 28!

## PAST ISSUES

[Missouri Focus August 14, 2009](#)

[Missouri Focus August 7, 2009](#)

[Missouri Focus July 31, 2009](#)

[Missouri Focus July 24, 2009](#)

## DED PRESS RELEASES

## QUICK LINKS

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

[State of Missouri](#)

[Missouri Business Portal](#)

[Missouri Women's Council](#)

[Missouri Women Owned Business Network](#)

[Missouri LocationOne](#)

[MissouriCareerSource.com](#)

[MOSourceLink](#)

[Missouri Workforce Investment Board](#)

[MERIC](#)

[Division of Tourism](#)

[Missouri Development Finance Board](#)

[Missouri Community Betterment](#)

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

\$485,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) by the Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED) for the construction of a wastewater collection and treatment system in an unsewered community. [Read more...](#)

**DED Awards \$564,589 in Neighborhood Assistance Program Tax Credits to Three Missouri Non-profit Organizations**

The Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED) has announced that three Missouri not-for-profit organizations have been approved for a total of \$564,589 in tax credits under the Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP). [Read more...](#)

**DED Awards \$257,732 in CDBG Community Facility Funding to Bates County**

Bates County will expand the Bates County Industries facility, thanks to \$257,732 in community facility funding under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, the Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED) has announced. [Read more...](#)

**City of Belle Awarded \$267,500 in CDBG Community Facility Funding for new Fire Station**

The Missouri Department of Economic Development has announced that the city of Belle has been approved for \$267,500 in community facility funding under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. The CDBG will be utilized to construct a new fire

regular [feature](#), the job opening section provides a way for the paper to assist its readers and the local career center to showcase the services it can provide. "It seemed like the perfect partnership to help our job seekers." Dempsey said.

**Central Region Launches New Website**

Janet A. Vaughn, executive director of the Central Region Workforce Investment Board (CWIB), recently announced the CWIB's new, [updated Web site](#). The site contains links to tools for job seekers and employers, ways in which the CWIB can help the region, upcoming events, regional snapshots, and other resources. "The new CWIB Web site continues to be a work in progress, but for now it is an improvement," Vaughn said.

**KC Job Club Connects Job Seekers to Nonprofits**

August 19<sup>th</sup> marked the first meeting of a Kansas City-area "job club," established to connect job seekers to job openings in the nonprofit community. [Nonprofit Connect](#) brings together a collection of support groups to help people find careers in the nonprofit sectors. Future meetings will occur on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. [Read more...](#)

Chinook helicopters for the Canadian government. The contract calls for Boeing to spend or invest an equal amount with Canadian industries, and the company has already signed \$500 million in contracts toward the agreement. [Read more...](#)

**DRS Awarded \$7.2M Military Contract**

The U.S. Air Force has awarded a \$7.2 million contract to DRS Sustainment Systems of St. Louis to overhaul aircraft cargo loaders. DRS supplies integrated products, services and support to military forces, intelligence agencies and prime contractors worldwide. [Read more...](#)

**Midwest Public Risk to Build New Headquarters in Independence**

Midwest Public Risk will build a \$7 million, 15,300-square-foot headquarters in Independence to accommodate the growing number of public entities that use its insurance and other benefit services. The staff has grown from six to 14 people in the past five years and serves more than 100 entities in Missouri and Kansas. The new building will include a center with fitness equipment and classrooms, a 100-seat auditorium for training programs, and office space for up to 25 employees. [Read more...](#)

[Missouri Partnership](#)

[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 \(MEDC\)](#)

[International Economic Development Council \(IEDC\)](#)

[Associated Industries of Missouri \(AIM\)](#)

[Missouri Enterprise Business Assistance Center](#)

[Missouri General Assembly](#)

[Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry](#)



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## GLOBAL NEWS

### **MED Week 2009 to Showcase Minority Entrepreneurs, Business Leaders, Government Contracting Workshops**



The U.S. Small Business Administration and the U.S. Department of Commerce's Minority Business Development Agency will celebrate the achievements of minority entrepreneurs and business leaders during the 27th annual National Minority Enterprise Development (MED) Week conference, Aug. 26-28 in Washington, D.C. NBA Hall of Famer, **Earvin "Magic" Johnson** will be the keynote speaker for the opening session of a panel discussion on

Aug. 27 to discuss minority entrepreneurship. [Read more...](#)

### **June Construction Spending Rises**

The Commerce Department announced earlier this month that construction spending rose unexpectedly in June for the second time in three months. Residential building and government-funded infrastructure projects both increased. The increase in government spending was partly due to the Obama administration's \$787 billion stimulus package. The seasonally adjusted annual rate of 0.3 percent in June beat analysts' estimates of a 0.5 percent decline. [Read more...](#)



### **Industrial Production Rises in July, Outpaces Expectations**



Production from America's factories, mines and utilities rose more than expected in July, with the first gain in nine months driven by increased output from auto companies. The Federal Reserve reported last week that production rose 0.5 percent in July, after falling 0.4 percent in June. Auto sales jumped in response to the government's Cash for Clunkers program, which provides consumers up to \$4,500 for trading in old cars. [Read more...](#)

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