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MISSOURI COMMUNITY NEWS

Global Prospective Investments LLC Announces Formation to Encourage Business Growth in Nodaway County



A group of local individuals in Nodaway County have banded together to form a unique partnership. Global Prospective Investment LLC (GPI) is a newly formed angel investment group interested in developing value-added products and technologies. Currently, focused on Nodaway County, the group has sincere interest in helping to support and promote business development in cooperation with Northwest Missouri State University's Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (CIE) and Nodaway County Economic Development. GPI's mission is to promote northwest Missouri's people, products and services to create jobs and develop value-added technologies. [Read more...](#)

Beyond the Farmer's Market: Scaling Up Local Food Systems, May 30-31

Interested in learning strategies for creating dynamic local food systems that help your community establish thriving local businesses, protect your natural resources and strengthen community ties? Do you have clients who wish to expand local food systems beyond farmers' markets and community gardens? The University of Missouri Extension is offering a two-day workshop, May 30-31, at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, designed specifically for community economic development professionals and extension educators. Be introduced to the latest concepts in local foods, including tours and discussions of models that connect farmers with processors, institutions, restaurants and grocery stores. [Read more...](#)



MEDC Awards Nomination Deadline Quickly Approaching



As in past years, the Missouri Economic Development Council (MEDC) will be recognizing members for their accomplishments and service to the organization and the profession of economic development during its Annual Conference, June 19-21. MEDC needs your assistance in nominating members to be considered for: Professional Economic Developer of the Year, Affiliate Member of the Year and Governmental Member of the Year. The deadline for nominations is May 15, so submit your letter of nomination and include the following information:

1. Your Name, Address, and Phone Number
2. The Nomination Category
3. The Nominee's Name, Address, and Phone Number
4. Description of why this person is deserving of this recognition (1,000 words or less)

Contact the MEDC office at (573) 636-7383, or email [Pat Amick](#) if you have questions or need additional information.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Missouri Partnership Marketing Events
[Schedule of Missouri Partnership Marketing Events](#)

May 16, 2012
[International Trade Night](#)

May 18 - 24, 2012
[Biosciences Trade Mission to Israel](#)

May 30 - 31, 2012
[Beyond the Farmer's Market: Scaling Up Local Food Systems](#)

June 6 - 8, 2012
[Missouri Association for Workforce Development \(MAWD\) Conference](#)

June 7 - 8, 2012
[IEDC Pre-Conference Training Course: Entrepreneurial and Small Business Development Strategies](#)

St. Louis

June 10 - 12, 2012
[IEDC Spring Conference](#)

St. Louis

June 18 - 21, 2012
[BIO International Convention](#)

Boston

June 19 - 21, 2012

Online Sponsorship and Exhibitor Information Now Available for 2012 Governor's Conference on Economic Development



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The Department of Economic Development (DED) invites you to become a sponsor and/or be an exhibitor at the 54th Annual Governor's Conference on Economic Development, September 5-7, at the Renaissance St. Louis Grand Hotel in downtown St. Louis. The full 2012 [Sponsorship Information](#) and [Exhibitor Information](#) are now posted on the [Governor's Conference web page](#). For sponsorship information, contact [Annette Wallace](#) at (573) 522-9749. For exhibitor information, contact [Sarah Warren](#) at (573) 526-6708.

Missouri River Flooding Repair Efforts get \$31M Boost

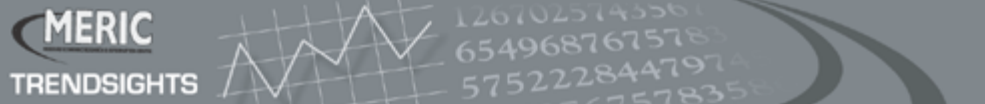
The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Kansas City District has received an additional \$31 million to repair damage caused by last summer's flooding along the Missouri River. The money from the Disaster Relief Appropriations Act will be spent to fix river rock structures that were installed in the Kansas City District — between Rulo, Neb., and St. Louis — to reduce riverbank erosion and preserve the river channel. [Read more...](#)



Missouri Arts Council Monthly Strategic Grant Applications Available Online



The Missouri Arts Council's Monthly Strategic Grant applications (including Arts Education, Project, Minority, Community Arts, Capacity Building, and Touring) for Fiscal Year 2013 (FY13) are now [available online](#). The deadline for Monthly Grants is the first Monday of each month, two months in advance of the month the project takes place. If that Monday falls on a state holiday, the deadline is the next day. For example, for projects that take place in October, the deadline is Monday, August 1. The first FY13 monthly deadline is May 14 for events or activities that take place between July 1, 2012 and June 30, 2013. [Read more...](#)



Missouri Manufacturing Index Continues to Rise



Missouri's Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) increased in April to 60.2, according to the monthly Mid-American Business Conditions Survey, conducted by Creighton University, Omaha, Neb. Economists consider the index, which measures such factors as new orders, production, supplier delivery times, backlogs, inventories, prices, employment, import orders and exports, a key economic indicator. Typically, a score greater than 50 indicates an expansionary economy, while a score below 50 forecasts a sluggish economy for the next three to six months. [Read more...](#)

Census Bureau Releases New Demographic Data

The U.S. Census Bureau has released newly compiled demographic data. This information includes national, state and county level data covering demographic, economic and governmental statistics from the Census Bureau and other federal agencies. Topics include agriculture, crime, education, health, retail trade and vital statistics. Additional statistics from the 2005-2009 American Community Survey for economic and housing characteristics and 2010 federal spending are included in this update. [Read more...](#)



Sedalia Gas, Convenience Store One-of-a-kind



Companies Recognized for Show-Me Heroes



Tyson Foods to Expand Sedalia Plant

MEDC Annual Conference

Camden on the Lake,
Osage Beach

June 19 - 22, 2012

[NDC Course: CD101](#)
San Diego, CA

June 27 - 29, 2012

[Futurallia Lille Region](#)

July 22 - 26, 2012

[Summers @ Mizzou Build-A-Business Camp](#)

July 25 - 26, 2012

["Get Plugged In...Downtown" Conference](#)

September 5 - 7, 2012

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St. Louis

September 11 - 13, 2012

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Kansas City

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April 20, 2012

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A business in Sedalia dares to be different; sort of a David taking on Goliath. In a rare age of franchise-owned petroleum giant gas and convenience stores, FavTrip is a one-of-a-kind: an independent business. FavTrip also offers more than gasoline. It sells fountain drinks, tobacco products, lottery tickets and some grocery items, making it competitive with other gasoline/convenience stores. The business also sells diesel fuel. [Read more...](#)

Hope for Displaced KC Metro Families is Near

A vision to provide new temporary housing and transitional living services to homeless metro families with children is close to becoming a reality, thanks to tax credits by the Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED) under the Neighborhood Assistance Program. River of Refuge, a Kansas City metro-area nonprofit, which was formed six years ago with just a few thousand dollars, hopes to use \$241,870 in NAP tax credits to raise nearly \$500,000 for improvements. [Read more...](#)

Ozark Halfway to a DREAM

The city of Ozark has reached a halfway point in the planning process to revamp historic downtown, according to city planners. City officials recently met with stakeholders, business owners and the general public to offer a progress report on the Ozark DREAM (Downtown Revitalization and Economic Assistance for Missouri) initiative. The Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED) selected Ozark as one of five DREAM communities in 2010. The selection provides DREAM

Participation

Flag of Freedom awards for successful participation in the [Show-Me Heroes](#) veterans hiring program were recently presented to [C1 Truck Driver Training School](#) in Stafford, and the [Central Ozark Private Industry Council](#), based in Rolla. The Show-Me Heroes program is [expanding](#), to provide on-the-job training for recently returned service members. Show-Me Heroes is a cooperative effort of the Division of Workforce Development and the Missouri National Guard.

Training Program Offers No-cost Solution for Employers

Full Employment Council (FEC) President/CEO Clyde McQueen discussed the advantages of the [WorkReadyMissouri](#) training program in a recent [interview](#) with [KCTV5](#). Governor Nixon launched the WorkReadyMissouri program to help businesses train potential employees at no cost, and to help job seekers who are receiving unemployment insurance benefits connect with businesses and organizations looking for skilled workers.

MAWD Conference Offers Workplace 'Reality Check'

The Missouri Association for Workforce Development (MAWD) has released its [agenda](#) for the organization's annual [conference](#), June 6-8, at the Tan-Tar-A resort, Osage Beach. The theme for the 2012 MAWD Conference is "Workforce Reality: Be a Survivor." The program will include more than 40 keynote and breakout sessions.

As part of an effort to be the best-in-class protein supplier, Tyson Foods, Inc. recently began work on a multi-million dollar improvement and expansion project at its poultry complex in Sedalia. Improvements will include state-of-the-art processes and technologies designed to benefit animal handling, food safety, environmental quality, workplace safety and production. The expansion will create as many as 200 additional jobs in the next two years. The complex currently employs about 1,450 people. [Read more...](#)

New Company to Make Corrugated Paper Sheets in Kansas City

A joint venture called Heartland Sheets LLC is planning to invest \$23.4 million in a new facility in Kansas City that will manufacture corrugated paper sheets for boxes. The Kansas City Council approved \$15 million in tax-exempt industrial revenue bonds and a 75 percent property tax abatement for the development. The plant is expected to employ 43 full time workers at an average salary of \$49,000 when it opens in June. According to the city, Heartland plans to invest \$12.2 million in equipment and spend \$1.6 million to install it. [Read more...](#)

NARS Moves to St. Charles, Bringing More Jobs

The National Asset Recovery Services, Inc. (NARS) corporate offices will now call St. Charles home. The relocation will bring more than 400 new jobs to the area. NARS relocated its corporate headquarters from Chesterfield into a new 40,000-square-foot

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communities with access to the technical and financial assistance they need to accomplish their downtown revitalization plans. [Read more...](#)

DREAM Concepts Unveiled in Cassville

PGAV Planners presented downtown Cassville building and streetscape design concepts to 30 community members last week. PGAV Planners has been hired by the Downtown Revitalization and Economic Assistance for Missouri (DREAM) Initiative to work with downtown revitalization groups, such as the Downtown Cassville Partnership. Artist drawings and information about the PGAV building and streetscape design concepts will be available at the Cassville City Hall. The DREAM Initiative is a partnership of the Missouri Development Finance Board, Missouri Department of Economic Development and the Missouri Housing Development Commission. [Read more...](#)

Report Proposes Reforms in Technical Education

A new U.S. Department of Education report, "Investing in America's Future : A Blueprint for Transforming Career and Technical Education," proposes high-quality programs to give students skills to be successful and to provide businesses with a skilled workforce. It proposes that employers and industry would have a strong voice in developing the programs they need to fill positions within their companies, giving them access to a highly-skilled pool of workers who could make immediate contributions. [Read more...](#)

remodeled customer contact center near Hwy. 370. The new expansion also allowed the company to combine its smaller St. Charles office into the new building. [Read more...](#)

SBA Seeks Applications from Investment Fund Managers for Its New Early Stage Capital Program

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is inviting experienced early stage investment fund managers to apply for licensing as Early Stage Innovation Funds as part of SBA's Small Business Investment Company capital investment program. Licensed Early Stage Innovation Funds can receive SBA-guaranteed funding to match their privately-raised capital up to a maximum of \$50 million. Early Stage Innovation Funds must invest at least 50 percent of their investment dollars in early stage small businesses. [Read more...](#)

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Boeing Wins \$668M Apache Helicopter Order



Boeing Co. has received two orders worth \$668 million from the U.S. Army for work on AH-64D Apache Block III helicopters for the U.S. military and Taiwan, the *Chicago Tribune* reports. The company won a fixed-price contract of \$486 million for initial production of 51 remanufactured helicopters in the new configuration for the Army, as well as a \$172 million contract to deliver an unspecified number of Apache Block III helicopters to Taiwan. The Boeing Defense, Space & Security segment, based in Hazelwood, is the second-largest employer in the St. Louis area with 14,730 local employees. [Read more...](#)

After Decades of Outsourcing, Manufacturing Jobs Coming Home to U.S.

Beginning in the 1970s, America's high-paying manufacturing jobs in the steel, textile, electronics and automotive industries relocated first south to Latin America and then east to Asia. But after years of pain for America's manufacturing sector and its workers, some economists and analysts are wondering if the tide may be turning.



Call it "re-shoring" or "rebalancing" or just "revenge," but the dynamics of global labor, transportation and productivity costs that gutted American manufacturing over the past decade have begun to shift again. The top factors for bringing these jobs home cited by executives surveyed by the Boston Consulting Group: higher labor costs in Asia (57

percent), ease of doing business (29 percent), and proximity to customers (28 percent). [Read more...](#)



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