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DED Offers January Webinar: Missouri Quality Jobs, January 28




The Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED) has scheduled its next webinar for January 28, from 9-11 a.m. Ronda Anderson will give a detailed program overview, including: who can qualify, how to qualify, and limits and calculations of the program. Recent legislative changes will also be discussed. [Register here](#) for the free webinar. [Submit suggestions](#) for future webinar topics.

2010 CDBG Application Training Workshops

The Missouri Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program will hold five training sessions in January to teach participants how to complete the FY2010 CDBG application for non-entitlement areas of the state (cities of less than 50,000 and counties of less than 200,000 in population). Participants will learn the basic application requirements, plus more specific information geared toward each category of funding. FY2010 applications will be available at each training session. The training is free and open to the public, and no registration is necessary. For more information, please call (573) 751-3600. [Schedule of workshops...](#)



Forum on Jobs and Economic Development

 USDA Rural Development and the Farm Service Agency will hold a tri-state roundtable/community forum on job creation and economic growth. The roundtable is a follow-up to the Forum on Jobs and Economic Growth that President Obama hosted at the White House on December 3. The event will be in conjunction with the Missouri Governor's Conference on Agriculture. The forum is scheduled for Saturday, January 9, from 1-3 p.m., at the Hyatt Regency St. Louis at the Arch Hotel (4th floor ballroom), 315 Chestnut Street in St. Louis. The roundtable will give residents and business owners an opportunity to discuss ways to accelerate job growth in rural areas. [Read more...](#)

2010 MLK Celebration

The 2010 Jefferson City Regional MLK Committee would like to invite you and your staff to the 2010 MLK Celebration to be held on Friday, January 15, 2010 in the Ballroom of Scruggs University Center at Lincoln University in Jefferson City from 10 a.m. until noon. This event will be the culmination of a promotion of the 2010 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service in our community. [Read more...](#)



Missouri Housing Development Commission Approves \$35M for Housing Assistance

UPCOMING EVENTS

Missouri Partnership Marketing Events

[Schedule of Missouri Partnership Marketing Events](#)

January 9, 2010

[Forum on Jobs and Economic Development](#)

January 12, 2010

[CDBG Application Training Workshop](#)

Kirksville

January 13, 2010

[CDBG Application Training Workshop](#)

Maryville

January 13 - 14, 2010

[Missouri Homeownership Preservation Summit](#)

January 14, 2010

[Southeast Missouri Export Seminar Series](#)

Jackson, MO

January 20 - March 31, 2010

[Making Exporting Easier Webinar Series](#)

January 21, 2010

[CDBG Application Training Workshop](#)



The Missouri Housing Development Commission (MHDC) recently approved a \$35 million plan to stimulate housing. MHDC voted to use \$15 million from federal stimulus funds and \$20 million from a reserve fund to help home-buyers and increase construction of apartments. [Read more...](#)

Moniteau Regional E.D. Council Launches Web Site

The Moniteau Regional Economic Development Council (MRED) recently unveiled its new Web site, www.mred.biz, with information on the organization's purpose, activities and membership, as well as pictures of various locations in Moniteau County. MRED used marketing funds made available from the Mid Missouri Regional Planning Commission (MMRPC) to help build the Web site. [Read more...](#)



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Women's Council Exhibit Honors Women Who Have Shaped Missouri's History



A Missouri Women's Council exhibit that honors Missouri women and their historic achievements that have helped shape the Show-Me State is coming to the Joplin Museum Complex, 504 S. Schifferdecker Avenue. The exhibit, "Outstanding Women of Missouri," features more than 60 Missouri women who have made a difference through their leadership, dedication, and courage. The exhibit will run through January 3-29, 2010. The Missouri Women's

Council is housed within the Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED). [Read more...](#)

Missouri Partnership Announces 2010 Marketing Plan

The Missouri Partnership has announced its 2010 Cooperative Marketing Plan, which outlines various advertising, trade show, and consultant-outreach event opportunities available to regional, local, and private-sector partners. The marketing plan is available on the [MEDC Web site](#). The deadline for partners to sign up for marketing opportunities is January 29. Tuesday, January 12, is the sign-up deadline for the first of the Missouri Partnership's trade-publication advertorial supplements - a Missouri-focused insert in the March 2010 issue of *North American Clean Energy* magazine.



Three Missouri Colleges Make Kiplinger's "Best Value" List



Kiplinger's Personal Finance has named three Missouri colleges to its list of "100 Best Values in Public Colleges for 2009-10." Truman State University (Kirksville) ranked 26th; University of Missouri - Columbia, 57th; and Missouri University of Science and Technology (Rolla) 99th. *Kiplinger's* bases its rankings on a combination of academics and affordability. [Read more...](#)

Monsees Named Director of NanoTechnology Enterprise Consortium (NTEC)

The NanoTechnology Enterprise Consortium (NTEC) has named Rob Monsees as its new Executive Director. NTEC is a public-private partnership of business, public, and private academic institutions. The mission of NTEC is to facilitate collaboration between small, medium, and large member companies, university researchers, government entities, and private funders in the application of nanotechnology to create innovative products for industrial and military use, including the defense, biomedical, energy, and agriculture sectors. [Read more...](#)



Van Buren

January 21, 2010

[IEDC Webinar: "Developing Community-Based Venture Financing"](#)

January 22, 2010

[CDBG Application Training Workshop](#)
Lowry City

January 26 - 27, 2010

[Complying with U.S. Export Controls](#)

January 27, 2010

[CDBG Application Training Workshop](#)
Jefferson City

January 28, 2010

[2010 Transportation Conference](#)
Jefferson City

January 28, 2010

[DED Webinar: Missouri Quality Jobs](#)

January 31 - February 2, 2010

[IEDC Leadership Summit](#)

February 8 - 9, 2010

[MEDC Winter Conference](#)

February 14 - 19, 2010

[India Solar Energy Trade Mission II](#)

March 4, 2010

[Southeast Missouri Export Seminar Series](#)
Poplar Bluff, MO

March 8 - 13, 2010

[Medical Trade Mission to India](#)

March 18 - 19, 2010

[Economic Development and Strategic Planning](#)
Springfield

March 24 - 25, 2010

[InvestMidwest](#)

April 8, 2010



Census Bureau Releases Last State Population Estimates Before 2010 Census Counts



The July 1, 2009 population estimates are the final set of state estimates that will be published before the official 2010 population counts, to be released next December. The 2010 counts will be the benchmark for future population estimates. The last data released shows Texas with the number one population change, gaining 478,000 people between July 1, 2008 and July 1, 2009. Missouri ranked 24th nationally and fourth

among border states with 31,245 people added to the state's population. [Read more...](#)

New Local Employment Dynamics OnTheMap Version 4 Released

OnTheMap Version 4 provides detailed maps showing where workers are employed and where they live, with companion reports on age, earnings, industry distribution, and local workforce indicators. A total of 47 states, including Missouri, are currently featured showing data for seven years (2002 through 2008). [Read more...](#)



Paris Awarded \$500,000 CDBG for Wastewater Systems Improvement Project

Paris city officials will utilize a \$500,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) awarded by the Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED) to construct a "no-discharge" wastewater treatment facility. The existing facility, which is 25 years old and does not have available space for improvements to be constructed, will be abandoned and the existing forcemain will be extended from the existing main lift station to a new 37-acre, two-cell storage lagoon. [Read more...](#)

Theodosia Awarded \$500,000 CDBG for Water Systems Improvement Project

The village of Theodosia will utilize a \$500,000 Community Development



Governor Nixon Announces Receipt of Green Jobs Training Grants

Gov. Nixon announced on Jan. 6 that Missouri will receive \$3.2 million in grants to train workers for careers in green industries. The United Auto Workers-Labor Employment and Training Corporation will administer the grant program, in partnership with area schools and agencies. Missouri will also share an additional \$5 million grant award with five other states to provide training for workers in the Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning industries. The highly-competitive grants come from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act through the U.S. Department of Labor. [Read more...](#)

Gov. Nixon Announces Job Creation Plan

On Jan. 5, Gov. Jay Nixon



Springfield Manufacturer Buckhorn to Add 80 Jobs

Springfield area manufacturer Buckhorn Inc. has announced plans to create 80 new jobs, and intends to hire over half the employees immediately. This expansion at Buckhorn in Springfield is a result of an increase in business and a consolidation of the company's plants with production from Kentucky moving to Springfield. [Read more...](#)

St. Charles EDC Opening Entrepreneurial Grad School to the Business Community in 2010

After a successful first year of beta testing the new Graduate School of Entrepreneurship with about 25 tenants in their small business incubator, the Economic Development Center of St. Charles County is now opening up a limited number of seats to interested members of

[Southeast Missouri Export Seminar Series](#)
Portageville, MO

April 18 - 22, 2010
[Heartland Basic E.D. Course](#)
Blue Springs

April 19 - 21, 2010
[4th Annual Maastricht Institute of Entrepreneurship](#)

April 21 - 23, 2010
[Missouri Association for Workforce Development \(MAWD\) Conference](#)

July 25 - 29, 2010
[2010 Summers @ Mizzou. Build-a-Business Camp](#)

PAST ISSUES

[Missouri Focus December 18, 2009](#)

[Missouri Focus December 11, 2009](#)

[Missouri Focus December 4, 2009](#)

[Missouri Focus November 20, 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](#)

Block Grant (CDBG) awarded by the Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED) for a water system improvement project that will upgrade the water district serving Theodosia residents and provide an adequate water system for the village. [Read more...](#)

DED Awards NAP Tax Credits to Buffalo Non-profit Organization

Ozarks Regional YMCA in Buffalo has been approved for \$84,250 in Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP) tax credits by the Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED) that will enable the organization to create the Dallas County Area YMCA branch in Buffalo. The branch will offer teen academic and social programs; health and wellness programs; educational materials specific to adults and senior citizens; child care and community support groups. [Read more...](#)

DED Awards NAP Tax Credits to United Cerebral Palsy of NW Missouri

The Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED) has announced that United Cerebral Palsy of Northwest Missouri, a St. Joseph not-for-profit organization, has been approved for \$50,000 in tax credits under the Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP). [Read more...](#)

DED Awards \$512,332 in Enhanced Enterprise Zone Tax Credits to Rock Port Business for Job Creation, New Investment
DeBruce Grain, Rock Port, has been approved for

toured businesses in Kansas City and Springfield to announce his "Missouri First" proposal to help existing Missouri businesses expand and create jobs. The plan is one of three components of his comprehensive jobs package and economic development strategy to be presented to the Missouri Legislature this week. Specifically, it would raise the amount of resources the Department of Economic Development (DED) can provide to existing businesses considering an expansion in Missouri, in coordination with other economic incentive programs, such as the Customized Training programs administered by the Division of Workforce Development (DWD). [Read more...](#)

Sedalia Hits 'Right Note' With OJT

With some well-placed ads, the Sedalia-area workforce region has already received a great response to its version of the workforce system's [On-the-Job Training](#) (OJT) program, which helps businesses save training costs while preparing new hires for their vital jobs. Over the last months of 2009, the Workforce Development Board of West Central Missouri placed ads running on the KXXK and KSDL radio stations, covering the majority of the region. The ads targeted adults, the dislocated workers most likely to benefit from the program, and local employers. So far, over 34 OJT slots have been filled, with an additional five employers waiting to fill OJTs in January, including

the general public for the 2010 schedule. [Read more...](#)

Missouri Enterprise, St. Louis RCGA Team up to Offer Profitable Growth Seminars

Missouri Enterprise and the St. Louis Regional Chamber and Growth Association (RCGA) have scheduled a series of three seminars designed to help manufacturing companies accelerate innovation and new product development, open new overseas markets and create/implement long- and short-term marketing strategies and tactics. The 2½-hour seminars will be held January 27, February 24 and March 17 at the RCGA, 211 N. Broadway, Suite 1300, St. Louis. [Read more...](#)

SBA, Dell Launch New Educational Video Series to Help Small Businesses Grow, Create Jobs

Highlighting the experiences of successful entrepreneurs, the U.S. Small Business Administration and Dell have launched an online video series offering tools and strategies to help small business owners rebound from the economic recession and put themselves in a position to expand and create jobs. "Strategies for Growth: Advice for Expanding Your Business" includes real-world insight, solutions and advice from small business owners who've succeeded, in good and bad economic times. [Read more...](#)

WillCo Technologies Receives \$1.6M Defense Contract

Kansas City-based IT consulting firm, WillCo

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[MOSourceLink](#)

[Missouri Workforce Investment Board](#)

[MERIC](#)

[Division of Tourism](#)

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[Economic Development at Mizzou](#)

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

[Missouri Business Development Program](#)

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

[MoFAST](#)

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

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

[Associated Industries of](#)

\$512,332 in Enhanced Enterprise Zone (EEZ) program tax credits over a five-year period by the Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED) for the creation of 11 new jobs and \$20 million in new investment for a farm product warehouse, located at 21799 E Avenue, Rock Port. [Read more...](#)

manufacturing positions. Cathy McCannon, media coordinator for the West Central workforce region said, "I believe our radio marketing hit just the right note to appeal to the need for our ongoing OJT and short-term training efforts." Call (888) 448-3722 or e-mail [Cathy McCannon](#) to learn more.

Technologies, was recently awarded a \$1.6 million contract to expand its flagship product, IASTAR[®], to the entire U.S. Department of Defense. A web-based program that tracks training data, IASTAR[®] has been in use with the U.S. Army since 2006 and has more than one million annual seat licenses. [Read more...](#)

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Export Seminar Announcement



Experts from four state and federal agencies will help you begin or expand your exports

Coordinated by the Cape Girardeau Small Business & Technology Development Center (SBTDC), a series of export seminars will be held in Southeast Missouri this winter. The

seminars are designed for companies who are investigating the export market and those who want to expand their export business. The seminars will run from 9 a.m. to approximately noon in the following locations: January 14 - Jackson, MO; March 4 - Poplar Bluff, MO; April 8 - Portageville, MO. Fee for each seminar is \$40. The first fifteen paid registrants will receive an export documentation package worth \$20, including the "Basic Guide to Exporting," the "Trade Finance Guide," and the "Export Programs Guide." For additional details and to register contact [Richard Proffer](#), University of Missouri Extension, at (573) 243-3581 or [Ken Walsh](#), U.S. Commercial Service, at (314) 425-3344.

Bunge to Acquire Brazilian Sugar Business

Bunge Ltd. has announced plans to buy Usina Moema Participacoes SA (Moema Par), a Brazilian sugarcane mill holding company, for nearly \$452 million in stock. St. Louis-based Bunge North America is the North

American operating arm of Bunge Ltd., a food and feed ingredient company. Bunge Ltd. chairman and CEO Alberto Weisser said, "This transaction fulfills Bunge's strategic goal of building a large-scale, fully integrated business in sugar and bioenergy." [Read more...](#)



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