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MISSOURI COMMUNITY NEWS

Discover the Latest Energy Innovations at Missouri Energy Summit



The University of Missouri is proud to announce its first-ever Energy Summit, a historic event that will bring together the best and brightest minds in the field to explore the next frontiers in energy research, development, management and consumption. Featuring keynote speaker, T. Boone Pickens, the Energy Summit will be held on the University of Missouri-Columbia campus April 22-23. [Read more...](#)

Prepare Yourself and Your Community for the Largest Pool of Economic Development-Related Funding Ever Seen

The IEDC Federal Economic Development Forum will help you understand this fast-changing environment for economic development and how to tap into stimulus package resources that will further economic recovery in your community. The International Economic Development Council's (IEDC) Federal Economic Development Forum, March 15-17, in Alexandria, Virginia, is the single most important event to attend to prepare yourself and your community for what is proposed under the new Economic Stimulus Bill. [Read more...](#)



HUD Awards \$5.3M to Expand Dardenne Prairie Senior Complex



The federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has awarded a \$5.3 million federal grant to Cardinal Ritter Senior Services to build a 38-unit second phase of the St. William apartment complex in Dardenne Prairie. (Photo courtesy of *St. Louis Post Dispatch*) [Read more...](#)

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UPCOMING EVENTS

February 23 - 25, 2009

[IEDC's Economic Development Credit Analysis Course](#)
Baltimore, MD

February 25, 2009
[Winning Government Grants for Innovative Research](#)

Jordan Valley Innovation Center, Springfield

March 4, 2009
[Missouri Women's Council Board Meeting](#)

March 4, 2009
[Economic Update Luncheon](#)

March 10, 2009
[GLOBE XVII Program](#)
(2nd of 9-month program that meets monthly on the second TUESDAY of each month, except April)

FOCUS ON MISSOURI

Stimulus Bill Amounts to \$10.3B, 69,000 Jobs for Missouri



According to the Center for American Progress, Missouri will receive at least \$10.33 billion from the \$787 billion federal economic stimulus package. The White House estimates that the package will create or save approximately 69,000 jobs in Missouri and 3.5 million jobs nationwide. Governor Nixon stated, "The federal recovery bill is a tremendous opportunity to jumpstart economic growth and create new jobs in Missouri. By

investing in job training and education, enhancing our infrastructure and embracing science and technology, we will get Missourians back to work over the short run and forever transform our economy." [Read more...](#)

Missouri Has First-In-Nation Economic Recovery Project

Construction Begins Immediately Upon President's Signature

Earlier this week, the Show-Me State made history by being the first state in the nation to award and begin construction on transportation projects funded by the federal economic recovery package signed by President Barack Obama. The first economic recovery project in the nation is in Miller



County on Route 17. Construction began within moments of the president's signature to replace the Osage River Bridge one mile east of Tuscumbia at a cost of \$8.5 million. [Read more...](#)

SourceLink Model Reaches into Rural Missouri



U.S.SourceLink links entrepreneurs and business-building resources from Memphis to Jefferson City. Kansas City-based U.S.SourceLink serves

Missouri's urban centers in St. Louis and Kansas City and even links resources statewide. Now, U.S.SourceLink reaches even deeper into Missouri, serving the rural communities served by the Missouri Rural Enterprise and Innovation Center (MREIC) in Kirksville, Missouri. [Read more...](#)

Treasurer Zweifel Launches INVEST IN MISSOURI Initiatives

State Treasurer Clint Zweifel has introduced INVEST IN MISSOURI, which is an initiative to create and retain jobs in Missouri and reinvest \$1 billion in Missouri communities. The Small Business Linked Deposit Program provides reduced-interest loans through Missouri's financial institutions, to enable Missouri's small-business owners to grow their businesses.

Learn more about the initiatives proposed for this program, which include small business, agriculture, job enhancement, local government assistance, alternative energy, and putting money back in Missouri's banks. [Read more...](#)



March 15 - 17, 2009

[IEDC Federal Economic Development Forum](#)

March 17, 2009

["The Intersection of Animal and Human Health Opportunities for Collaboration Between Canada and the Kansas City Region"](#)

March 18, 2009

Session 3 - "So how do I get paid?"

["The Basics of International Trade" Seminar Series](#)

April 8, 2009 - Session 4

March 31 - April 2, 2009

[2009 Heartland Conference](#)

"Preparing the Workforce for the Changing Midwest Economy"

April 2, 2009

Save the date!
Utility & Energy Conference
Columbia

April 19 - 22, 2009

[International Conference on Business Incubation - "Building on Best Practices"](#)

April 19 - 23, 2009

[Heartland Economic Development Course](#)

Adams Pointe Conference Center - Blue Springs, Missouri

April 21 - 22, 2009

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

April 22 - 23, 2009

[Energy Summit](#)



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Missouri's Motion Media Industry



More and more, Hollywood's eyes are looking at Missouri as our state becomes a growing center for film and television production. In this segment of *Missouri Economy Today*, Marty Romitti explains why the motion media industry is an excellent target for further economic development efforts. [Read more...](#) (scroll down to *Missouri's Motion Media Industry*)

Missouri Agriculture Prevailing Wage Survey

The Missouri Agriculture Prevailing Wage Survey was conducted by the Missouri Economic Research and Information Center (MERIC), in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Division of Foreign Labor Certification. This survey represents data submitted by Missouri farmers from across the state and is used to assist in implementing the Seasonal Agricultural Worker Program. [Read more...](#)



City of Kirksville awarded \$250,000 Community Development Block Grant by DED

The Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED) has announced that the city of Kirksville has been approved for a \$250,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). The grant will be utilized to renovate the historic Cochran Building in downtown Kirksville. [Read more...](#)

Bauer, Deem Tapped to Lead DWD

Department of Economic Development (DED) director Linda Martinez has appointed DWD Program Administrator of Career Center Services, Mark Bauer as interim director of the [Division of Workforce Development](#), citing his years of agency experience and concern about the work of DWD staff. In addition to leading the normal employment and training functions of the agency, Bauer will also lead the planning and implementation of worker training projects that will come from the pending federal stimulus plan. DWD Program Administrator of Business and Industry Services,

AmerenUE Offers Energy Efficiency Program to Businesses

Business customers throughout AmerenUE's service territory now have \$24 million in incentives available to them to help them save electricity - and money. The company's new Business Energy Efficiency Program gives any non-residential customer that is planning to purchase and install qualifying energy efficiency upgrades, incentives to cover the cost of making those improvements. [Read more...](#)

April 22 - 24, 2009
[Exploring Innovation: A Conference on Community Development](#)

April 23, 2009
[How To Develop an Export Management and Compliance Program](#)

April 30 - May 1, 2009
[Entrepreneurial and Small Business Strategies](#)

PAST ISSUES

[Missouri Focus February 13, 2009](#)

[Missouri Focus February 6, 2009](#)

[Missouri Focus January 30, 2009](#)

[Missouri Focus January 23, 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](#)

[Missouri CareerSource.](#)

DED Grants NAP Tax Credits to Kansas City Not-for-profit Organization

The Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED) has announced approval of \$160,932 in tax credits under the Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP) for Operation Breakthrough, Inc. in Kansas City.

[Read more...](#)

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Eastern Missouri Awarded \$197,128 YOP Tax Credits by DED

The Missouri Department of Economic Development recently announced that Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) of Eastern Missouri has been approved for \$197,128 in Youth Opportunities Program (YOP) tax credits. [Read more...](#)

Family Conservancy Awarded \$25,000 in Family Development Account Tax Credits

The Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED) has announced that a Kansas City nonprofit organization has been approved for \$25,000 in tax credits under the Family Development Account (FDA) program.

[Read more...](#)

Amy Deem will assume the role of interim deputy division director, while Gilbert Hake will assume the role of interim program administrator of Career Center Services. In the announcement to DWD staff Martinez said, "Mark, Amy and Gilbert are experienced workforce development professionals and will continue to rely on your efforts to make the Division successful."

Another member of the transitional leadership team is Roger Baugher, who will serve as Interim MOWIB Coordinator and Continuous Improvement Review team manager, in addition to being responsible for DWD program performance tracking and the Career Center case management system. [Read more...](#)

DED and DOLIR Officials Review Services to Unemployed

On February 5, DED director Martinez, new Department of Labor and Industrial Relations ([DOLIR](#)) director Larry Rebman, and new director of Employment Security (DES) Gracia Backer met at the [Jefferson City Career Center](#) to review and evaluate the reemployment services offered to unemployment insurance (UI) claimants. Career Center manager Judy Widner (on the left in attached [photo](#), helping a customer) outlined the UI claimant experiences there and led a tour of the facility. Pursuant to the meeting, the directors

"Winning Government Grants for Innovative Research"

Learn how to seek out, apply for and obtain federal funding to potentially commercialize your innovations. Eligible small businesses have an opportunity to compete for "Phase I" Small Business Innovative Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (SBTR) grants and contracts of up to \$100,000 to undertake a feasibility analysis on their idea. "Phase II" awards of up to \$750,000 or more are also available to undertake and validate a company's research. [Read more...](#)

Business Incubator Opens at Crossroads in Kansas City

A new low-budget, high-speed office incubator, OfficePort KC, recently opened in the Crossroads Arts District in Kansas City. Targeted tenants are entrepreneurs and home business owners wanting to move to affordable business space. Two businesses are already lined up to take advantage of the incubator services – PlanetReuse, specializing in salvaged materials for green building projects, and Web design firm, Luminopolis. [Read more...](#)

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[Missouri Main Street Connection](#)

[Missouri Arts Council](#)

[Economic Development at Mizzou](#)

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

[Missouri Small Business Development Centers \(SBDC\)](#)

[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](#)

“Basic Training in the 4-Point Main Street Approach to Revitalization”

The Missouri Main Street Connection is presenting a two-day workshop, “Basic Training in the 4-Point Main Street Approach to Revitalization,” March 31 - April 1, in Jefferson City. Also, on April 1 will be the Quarterly Workshop, “Learn to Prepare Committee Workplans into Effective Action Plans.” This conference is for anyone interested in learning about commercial district revitalization and improving the economic health and vitality of their community. [Registration form...](#)

agreed on several improvements in the process by which Missouri Career Center staff assist UI claimants.

Biotech Firm Raises \$11.8M in Venture Capital Funds

Divergence Inc., a St. Louis biotechnology company, has raised \$11.8 million in venture capital funding to help advance its research on solutions to combat microscopic parasites in agriculture and medicine. The parasites, nematodes, cause billions of dollars in crop damage each year. [Read more...](#)

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[Missouri Enterprise Business Assistance Center](#)

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Boeing IDS Unit Wins \$10M Contract with Foreign Governments



The Boeing Co.'s Integrated Defense Systems (IDS) unit has landed a \$10 million contract with the governments of Switzerland, Finland, Canada, Kuwait, Australia, Malaysia and Spain. The work will be performed in St. Louis and will provide program management, logistics and engineering services to support the F/A-18 aircraft. [Read more...](#)

Enterprise Adds Hybrid Vehicles to Nationwide Fleet

Clayton-based Enterprise Rent-A-Car will add 5,000 hybrid vehicles to its fleet and has designated nearly 80 of its 6,100 U.S. rental locations as “hybrid branches.”



Enterprise spokeswoman Lisa Martini said that the “hybrid branches” will be more concentrated in hybrids than other locations and will allow customers to reserve the hybrid vehicles online or by phone. St. Louis locations at 8844 Ladue Rd. in Clayton and 1 S. Broadway in downtown have received the hybrid designation. [Read more...](#)

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On the Energy Front: Can Livestock Waste Save Farms and Even the Planet?



Nebraska farmer Danny Kluthe is turning his livestock waste into energy. . . and money! Kluthe drains his hog waste into a giant vat that is then stirred and warmed. A virtually odorless liquid - ideal for fertilizing surrounding fields that, in turn, feed more pigs - emerges from the giant digester. The best result, though, comes in the methane fumes that rise off the muck. They are funneled to

a tractor engine and used to power a generator. By not allowing the methane from hog waste to drift away, his sewage lagoons pack one-twentieth the climate-changing punch they would otherwise. [Read more...](#)

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