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MISSOURI COMMUNITY NEWS

Discovery Ridge Grows Fivefold



An expansion is planned to help the University of Missouri's Discovery Ridge Research Park area, in southern Columbia, and to create more space for companies in the scientific and engineering research fields. This is the second phase that will create a campus-like environment and includes maintaining green space for trails and open space. Lakes that will act like storm-water drainage areas are also part of the development. The initial phase included making space for ABC Labs. [Read more...](#)

Clinton Chamber, Career Center Host "Business After Hours"

On March 2, the Missouri Career Center–Clinton and Hardee's Restaurant co-hosted the Clinton Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours event. The event, which is held monthly, allows chamber members to showcase their services. The Missouri Career Center, including DWD and all partner agencies, used this opportunity to educate the Clinton business community of services offered at the career center. Agencies partnering with the Clinton Career Center include West Central Community Action Agency, Experience Works, and the West Central Workforce Investment Board. Approximately 70 people attended the event.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

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 19, 2009
[Trade Finance Seminar](#)



Governor's Conference on Economic Development Set for Sept. 9-11 in St. Louis

"Missouri at Work. Investing in Tomorrow," will be the theme of the 2009 Governor's Conference on Economic Development, September 9-11, at the newly renovated Hyatt Regency St. Louis Riverfront Hotel. The Missouri Department of Economic Development is the host of the annual conference, now in its 51st year. "The conference brings together not only Missouri's economic leaders, but those who represent the success of economic development for the state," DED Director Linda Martínez said. "It also provides the much needed opportunity to recognize those Missourians who have exceeded expectations in economic development." [Read more...](#)

Missouri Military Preparedness and Enhancement Commission to Meet

The Missouri Military Preparedness and Enhancement Commission (MMPEC) will meet at noon on March 25, in Room 315 of the Governor Office Building, Jefferson City. [Read more...](#)



Enter the IEDC Awards Competition



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COUNCIL

The International Economic Development Council (IEDC) is accepting entries for the 2009 Excellence in Economic Development Awards that will recognize organizations and individuals for the best economic development

programs and partnerships, marketing materials, and leaders. The Early Bird deadline is April 17. The awards presentation will be on October 6 at IEDC's Annual Conference. [Read more...](#)

Leonard Wood Institute Announces Funding Opportunity

The Leonard Wood Institute (LWI) is seeking applied research proposals from companies, non-profit organizations, universities, and government agencies for its 2009 "Collaborative Research Program." LWI intends to provide approximately \$18 million in research funding through sub-award agreements for projects to be initiated and completed during FY2009-2010. Research funding was made available to LWI through a Cooperative Agreement with the U.S. Army Research Laboratory and is intended to produce useful technologies for the U.S. Army, particularly the Army's Maneuver Support Center at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. [Read more...](#)



March 25, 2009

[Missouri Military Preparedness and Enhancement Commission meeting](#)

March 31 - April 1, 2009

["Basic Training in the 4-Point Main Street Approach to Revitalization"](#)

March 31 - April 2, 2009

[2009 Heartland Conference "Preparing the Workforce for the Changing Midwest Economy"](#)

April 1 - 2, 2009

[Missouri's Climate Change Dialogue and the Utility & Energy Conference](#)

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

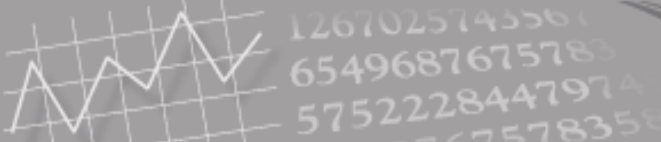
[Complying with U.S. Export Controls](#)

April 22 - 23, 2009

[Energy Summit](#)

April 22 - 24, 2009

[Exploring Innovation: A Conference on Community Development](#)



Retail Trade Analysis: Southwest Investment Area

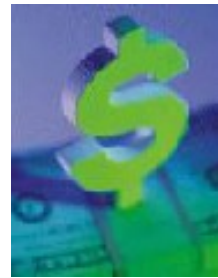


Retail trade is one of the key indicators of regional economic health, and pull factors measure the retail sales captured by counties. The retail strength of a county is a function of the customer base served, the buying power of the customer base, and overall quality of the retail environment. The Southwest WIA Retail Trade report shows Jasper County had the highest pull factor in the region, followed by McDonald and Lawrence counties. [Read more...](#)

Gross Domestic Product by Metro, Per Capita GDP by Metro 2002-2006

The State Science & Technology Institute (SSTI) has prepared a table from Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) data listing the 2006 GDP for every U.S. metro area, and the percent change and relative ranking of these values from 2002 to 2006.

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DED Awards Neighborhood Assistance Program Tax Credits to Kansas City Non-profit Organization

The Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED) announced that a Kansas City not-for-profit organization has been approved for tax credits under the Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP). Community LINC has been approved for \$117,148 in NAP tax credits to provide programs and services for homeless families in Kansas City. These programs include assisting individuals to eliminate debt; accumulate savings; secure employment; and to establish a permanent

Carnahan Hosts Worker Training Event

U.S. Congressman Russ Carnahan is hosting an event on March 13, 2009, dedicated to helping displaced workers and other job seekers find available career assistance and training. The event is being held at South County Technical High School in St. Louis and features workshops and panel discussions on everything from filing for unemployment to connecting with worker training programs and information on today's job market. Metro St. Louis Regional Coordinator Mike Gavura will participate in a panel discussion on dislocated worker services available at Missouri

The Great Game of Business

A two-part Webinar Series on *Surviving & Winning in Tough Economic Times: The Great Game of Business* is being presented by the Missouri Chamber of Commerce. Based on Jack Stack's book, *The Great Game of Business*, this webinar series will explore Open-Book Management, where every employee is engaged and empowered to understand, act and share in the financial success of the organization. [Read more...](#)

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

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

PAST ISSUES

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residence to stop the cycle of homelessness.

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Department of Economic Development Awards \$370,832 in Youth Opportunities Tax Credits to Two St. Louis Service Organizations

The Missouri Department of Economic Development announced that two St. Louis organizations that offer various services to Missouri children have been approved for a total of \$370,832 in Youth Opportunities Program (YOP) tax credits. The Center for Creative Arts (COCA) has been approved for \$174,934 in YOP tax credits and Lutheran Family and Children's Services has been approved for \$195,898 in YOP tax credits.

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Landscape Brands, Inc., St. Louis Awarded EEZ

Approval of Enhanced Enterprise Zone (EEZ) tax credits was given to Landscape, Inc., St. Louis for \$99,846 in EEZ tax credits over a 5-year period for the creation of 19 new jobs and new investment of \$2.5 million for an expansion facility at 1424 Talmage Ave., St. Louis. The EEZ program assists in the creation of new jobs and investment.

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Career Centers. The event will run from 8:30 a.m. until noon with registration beginning at 7:30 a.m. and Congressman Carnahan kicking off the panel discussion at 8:30. Call 314-865-5965 for more information. [Read more...](#)

Career Center Customer Thanks St. Louis Mayor

A grateful customer of the St. Louis Career Center/ St. Louis Agency on Training and Employment (SLATE) wrote St. Louis Mayor Francis Slay to express her appreciation for a workshop offered by SLATE to unemployed job seekers. The customer, Lynn Fendler, said, "I was impressed with (workshop presenter) Ms. Covington and the amount of effort, enthusiasm and professionalism she gave to each of us in the class. I have never before been unemployed and so, have been thoroughly impressed by how the city and state are working to meet the needs of its citizens. All should be commended for helping the unemployed to get back into the work force!" [Read more...](#)

Proteon Therapeutics Completes \$38M Equity Financing

Proteon, with its research headquarters in Kansas City, has signed an option agreement with a major pharmaceutical company, Novartis. Including the initial acquisition payment plus potential additional regulatory milestone payments, the deal with Novartis could exceed \$550 million. This announcement follows the initiation of a Phase 1/2 human clinical study of its lead product, PRT-201, in patients with end stage renal disease undergoing surgery for arteriovenous fistula (AVF) creation.

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Nanobattery Company Receives \$95K Grant

U.S. Photonics, a Springfield company, was awarded a grant for research and development of a high-density nanobattery composed of microscopic cells designed to greatly extend battery life and reduce recharging time. More than \$100 million in grants were given out to 300 small technology firms by the National Science Foundation. [Read more...](#)

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

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

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

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

[Missouri Enterprise Business Assistance Center](#)

There's Still a World of Business Out There



A presentation by Neil George on March 25 will include learning about key markets of Europe, Asia, and the Americas from Canada to Brazil. His presentation will include how to work harder and smarter when economic times are in a slump. [Read more...](#)

Norwegian Company to be Acquired by Emerson

St. Louis-based Emerson has announced plans to acquire Roxar ASA, a Norwegian company that develops software for reservoir management. Roxar ASA employed 820 and had revenue of \$193 million in 2008 and will become part of Emerson Process Management. Roxar's board has agreed to recommend the offer and the deal is expected to close in April.

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