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2009 BIO International Convention – Sign-up Now Available



The Biotechnology Industry Organization (BIO) International Convention will be held in Atlanta, Ga., May 18-22. More than 20,000 attendees are expected at the 2009 show, with over 85 percent of BIO attendees being the key decision maker in their organization. Sign up now to be included in Missouri's eight-booth pavilion at the Expo Hall, a Midwest Blues reception at the World of Coke, and a Missouri Breakfast at the 191 Club, Atlanta's most prestigious private club. [Read more...](#)

Missouri Metros Named in *Forbes*' Best Places for Business and Careers

Forbes magazine recently ranked several Missouri metros in its list of 200 Best Places for Business and Careers. In the Best Metros category, Springfield was ranked No. 36, Kansas City No. 84 and St. Louis No. 86. In the Best Small Metros category, Columbia ranked No. 5, Jefferson City No. 49, Joplin No. 94 and St. Joseph No. 123. [Read more...](#)



Taney County Unveils Mobile Hospital



Taney County officials, along with the state of Missouri, have unveiled a new 50-bed mobile hospital that is ready to respond to disasters across the state. Funded by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the mobile unit was acquired by the state to enable rescue teams to offer advanced medical treatment to victims of natural and man-made disasters in the case of local hospitals being closed. [Read more...](#)

Kirkville Receives Grant for Housing Revitalization

The city of Kirkville has received grant funding from the Home Repair Opportunity program to be used for revitalizing low-income housing in the downtown area. Individuals must apply for funding at the Housing Authority and meet requirements such as home ownership and income measures to receive assistance. [Read more...](#)



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

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MOSourceLink.com Web Site a Great Asset to Missouri Small Businesses, Martínez says



Department of Economic Development (DED) Director Linda Martínez has announced improvements to the MOSourceLink.com Web site, a site designed to help business owners across the state connect with the right resource at the right time. Relaunched last week, MOSourceLink.com now includes a special section on funding, calendars of classes and events focused on specific stages of business, and better links to other resources within the state. [Read more...](#)

Kansas City Selected for \$500M Nuclear Weapons Parts Plant

The U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) announced this week that CenterPoint Zimmer LLC has won a competitive bidding process to design and build the plant for the U.



S. Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA). The plant will replace an aging facility and will help Kansas City retain about 2,100 jobs. [Read more...](#)



MERIC Partners with C2ER and Kauffman to Bring Conference to KC



In this economic climate, everyone has to make tough decisions about where to invest their time and resources. At the C2ER 49th Annual Conference, attendees will explore creative new ways to reinvigorate growth in local communities. C2ER is working closely with the Kauffman Foundation and the Missouri Economic Research and Information Center (MERIC) to host a meeting focused on a variety of topics designed to help you encourage entrepreneurial dynamics, support renewable energy technologies, and assess the impact of your limited resources. We encourage you to join us in Kansas City, June 2-5. [Read more...](#)

What True Leaders Must Understand about Economics

Each person should have a basic understanding of economics, now more than ever. In this, the first in a four-part series, Dennis Roedemeier, CEO of Missouri Research Corporation, discusses the basics of economics with Dr. Bruce Domazlicky, Director of the Center for Economic and Business Research and Professor of Economics at Southeast Missouri State University. [Read more...](#)



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Truman Building

Room 680

10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

May 20, 2009

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Lake Ozark

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[2009 Joint CBRN Conference and Exhibition](#)
(Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear)

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[Innovation Conference: "Innovation in Turbulent Times"](#)

2009 VSA Arts National Award for Excellence and Dedication to Service Presented to Missouri Arts Council

The VSA arts (formerly Very Special Arts) and the Affiliate Council awarded Virginia Sanders, 504 coordinator, and Michael Donovan, program specialist of the Missouri Arts Council, with the Outstanding Community Partner award. The award recognizes a partnering organization that made an exemplary contribution to the mission of VSA arts and the success of its organization. VSA arts works with affiliated organizations nationwide and in over 60 countries worldwide. [Read more...](#)

MU Civil Engineering Students Team Up on Community Project

Civil engineering students at the University of Missouri-Columbia recently teamed up with the Big Muddy National Fish and Wildlife Refuge (BMNFWR) to work on a mutually beneficial project. An eroding bridge at the Jameson Refuge Unit in Arrow Rock provided the students with a hands-on, real-world experience that also gave the BMNFWR an economic benefit. John Bowders, a professor in civil and environmental engineering, is also currently working with students to develop erosion control features for a private company and plans to pilot those projects at the Jameson Refuge for further

DED Lands Federal Grant to Train Workers Laid Off from KC Facility

Some 160 workers who lost their jobs at Kansas City's American Airlines Overhaul Base Facility will receive valuable reemployment assistance and training, thanks to a \$757,678 grant obtained from the U.S. Department of Labor. Department of Economic Development (DED) Director Linda Martínez announced that DED's Division of Workforce Development, which received the grant, will provide the services for the dislocated workers through the Kansas City-area Missouri Career Centers, administered by the Full Employment Council. The workers will receive job search assistance and preparation, skills and interests assessments and training for in-demand occupations, as well as other supportive career assistance services.

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College Grads Adjust Job Search Strategies in Response to Trends

A recent *Springfield Business Journal* article advises college graduates to use more creativity and focus when searching for jobs in the current economic environment. While there are many jobs available, there has been a noticeable drop in openings advertised in the traditional avenues, such as career fairs, campus recruiting and job search Web sites. The article

Impact Sign Plans Expansion in Sedalia

Impact Sign & Lighting Co. has announced plans to expand its operations in Sedalia. The expansion will include additional jobs, as well as a 7,500-square-foot addition to the existing facility to house a new vehicle wrap and printed sign division. After three expansions in the past eight years, the company has become one of the largest electronic sign dealers in the country. [Read more...](#)

Diversified Plastics Workers Want to Purchase Business

The current plant manager and two fellow workers at Centralia's Diversified Plastics plant are trying to purchase the business rather than see the plant close. The three are seeking a CDBG Action Fund Loan, as well as private financing, and the men have offered their homes as collateral to secure financing for working capital.

[Read more...](#)

Tacony Manufacturing Featured on KMOV Channel 4

Steve Perron, a program producer at KMOV television station, recently featured Tacony Corporation in "Good News 4 a Change," spotlighting the company's endeavors to keep jobs in Missouri and transfer more operations from the orient to St. James. The camera crew filmed the dedicated employees of Tacony producing their celebrated

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stabilization of the site. [Read more...](#)

Web Seminar - Federal Stimulus and Budget Update for Economic Developers

Where is the money buried? Find out with IEDC's April Web Seminar Stimulus dollars are beginning to flow, and for many communities, it's not a moment too soon. Other significant funding for economic development is included in the President's fiscal year 2009 Omnibus Appropriations and 2010 budget outline, emphasizing infrastructure modernization, investment in innovation and other economic development priorities. Join IEDC on April 28 to learn how your community can benefit from new federal funding opportunities. [Read more...](#)

notes that where and how applicants look for opportunities is important, and it advises students to take a more proactive approach, which relies more on interpersonal skills and starting searches earlier. Grads are also advised to have a broad sense of how their skills can be used professionally, being much more focused and intentional about the careers they are considering. [Read more...](#)

St. Charles Career Center Sees Record 10K Customers in March

For the month of March, the St. Charles County Career Center received 10,808 visitors, the highest number ever recorded. This [photo](#) shows the packed resource room on the morning of March 30, when the center officially crossed the 10,000 client mark. Career Center staff held a celebration to mark the event with cake and decorations. In this [photo](#), receptionists Mariza Almstedt, Marlene Hoehn and Greta Sharketti show the commemorative cake. DWD Regional Manager Keith M. McNames said, "With this kind of traffic, we felt we had to recognize staff for their high quality customer service. They've been working very hard, are under some stress, and deserve some recognition for their efforts."

high-end Riccar and Simplicity vacuums. During the interview, Bill Hinderer reviewed Tacony Manufacturing's transformation from a small business employing 10 people to a major employer providing work for 120. [Read more...](#)

LaBarge Adds 48 Jobs in St. Louis

LaBarge Products Inc. will add 48 new workers to carry out a new \$27 million military contract to build combat system repair equipment. The new employees will be based in St. Louis to work on the five-year contract. [Read more...](#)

Veran Medical Technologies Receives Technology Innovation of the Year Award

St. Louis-based Veran Medical Technologies has received the 2009 North American Frost & Sullivan Award for Technology Innovation of the Year. Veran Medical Technologies is pioneering the development of a novel image-guided medical therapy delivery system, known as the IG4, which enables accurate and efficient targeting of very small lesions in the lungs. [Read more...](#)

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[Associated Industries of](#)

DED Seeks Exporter of the Year Nominations



The Department of Economic Development (DED) is seeking nominations of Missouri companies for the "Exporter of the Year" award, to be recognized during the Governor's Conference on Economic Development, September 9-11, in St. Louis. Your organization is invited to nominate companies for consideration for this prestigious recognition. You will find an online nomination form that can be submitted electronically on the [MEDC Web site](#). More

than one company may be nominated by your local organization, however please submit each by separate form. If you have any difficulty submitting the form electronically, you may fax it to [Mark Wine](#) at (573) 526-1567, or mail it directly to Mark Wine, P.O. Box 118, Jefferson City, MO 65102.

Midwest China Hub Commission Opens Office in Beijing

A delegation from the Midwest China Hub Commission travelled to Beijing in mid-March to continue talks with Chinese leaders. The goal of the trip was to promote economic ties between China and the Midwest through the creation of a St. Louis commercial air cargo hub. The strong working interest between St. Louis leaders and Chinese officials in advancing trade links prompted the opening of the Beijing office. (Photo: A delegation from the Midwest China Hub Commission and London Export Group stand in front of the Commission's new Beijing office.)



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Boeing Announces India Research & Technology Centre



Boeing has announced the opening of its Boeing Research & Technology-India centre, which will help sustain the company's competitive technological edge while enhancing India's aerospace capabilities. The centre will carry out continued collaboration with Indian R&D organizations, including government agencies and private sector R&D providers, universities and other companies. [Read more...](#)

Monsanto, Hunan University Enter Into Research Collaboration For Crop Improvement

Monsanto Company and Hunan University in China have announced that they have entered into a four-year research and licensing agreement focused on identifying novel plant genes with attributes such as higher yield, drought resistance and enhanced nitrogen utilization. With the increasing global demand for food, fuel and fiber, the need to use the best technologies to grow more crops on each acre of farmland is a high priority for both the public and private sectors. [Read more...](#)



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