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MISSOURI COMMUNITY NEWS

DED Offers Local TIF Annual Report Webinar - October 27



The Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED) has scheduled an additional webinar for October 27, from 10 a.m. to noon. The **Local TIF Annual Report** webinar will walk communities through required reporting for designated local TIF's. Presenter will be Hal VanSlyck with Business and Community Services. [Register here](#) for the free Local TIF Annual Report webinar. [Submit suggestions](#) for future webinar topics.

St. Louis County Economic Council Receives Honorable Mention from IEDC

St. Louis-based Organization Recognized for Globalization Program



The International Economic Development Council (IEDC) recognized the St. Louis County Economic Council (SLCEC) for its globalization efforts with an honorable mention at IEDC's Annual Conference, October 4-7 in Reno, Nevada. SLCEC received the recognition on behalf of the Midwest China Hub Commission. [Read more...](#)

Maryville's DREAM Plan Progresses



The Maryville Chamber of Commerce recently held a meeting to hear advice and suggestions from the Downtown Revitalization and Economic Assistance for Missouri (DREAM) consultant, Mike Hemmer. The vision for Maryville's downtown is to create a place with a pleasing environment

that also provides sustainable economic vitality to the citizens of the community. [Read more...](#)

Cape Girardeau Uses Federal Grant for Downtown Improvements

The Cape Girardeau City Council has approved two contracts to use a \$40,000 Preserve America grant from the National Park Service Historic Preservation program for light-pole banners and the wayfinder sign program. The wayfinding signs will help visitors find their destinations more easily and is a part of the city's DREAM Initiative final report for revitalizing downtown. [Read more...](#)



"Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" Features Ozarks Family



The eight-member Hampton family of Ash Grove got its moment in the national spotlight when "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" recently aired the episode of the Ozarks family receiving their new home. With massive donations from local businesses, the one-week home-building project was completed in July and culminated with the October 4 show. [Read more...](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Missouri Partnership Events: Oct. - Nov. 2009
[Schedule of Missouri Partnership Marketing Events](#)

October 18 - 19, 2009
[46th Annual MCB Conference](#)

October 20, 2009
["Know Your Region"](#)

October 21 - 24, 2009
[Taiwan International Green Industry Show \(TiGiS\) 2009](#)

October 22, 2009
[Expanding Horizons Workshop](#)

October 22 - 23, 2009
[AIM's 2009 Missouri Tax Conference](#)

October 27, 2009
[DED Webinar: Local TIF Annual Report](#)

October 28 - 30, 2009
[MEDC Fall Conference](#)

November 1 - 5, 2009
[Annual Energy Sector Mission](#)

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Missouri Receives 'A' Grade for Workers' Compensation



The Work Loss Data Institute (WLDI) recently announced the release of its 2009 State Report Cards for Workers' Comp, using the most current data available at this time. The report cards help employers, insurers, state governments, consultants and others answer the questions, "Who is doing well and why?" Missouri scored well with an "A" grade. [Read more...](#)

\$28M Additional Stimulus Funds for Missouri Green Jobs and Programs

Missouri has been awarded an additional \$28 million in federal stimulus money to support green jobs, energy efficiency and renewable energy projects, bringing the total to \$57 million for this purpose. The funds will be used to expand programs that encourage a reduction in energy consumption through home-efficiencies, building energy codes, education, training, energy audits, rebates and low-interest loans. [Read more...](#)



November 3 - 4, 2009

[China Overseas Investment Fair \(COIF\) 2009](#)

[Trade Show Commitment Form](#)

November 4 - 6, 2009

[2009 Statewide Historic Preservation Conference: Protecting the Irreplaceable](#)

November 4 - 6, 2009

[North America Works + National Forum on Trade Policy 2009 Conference](#)



MERIC Data Quality Efforts Among Best in Nation



Missouri's Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) Coding Team achieved a nearly perfect response rate of 98.9% on the Annual Refiling Survey, a cooperative program between the Missouri

Department of Economic Development, Missouri Economic Research and Information Center (MERIC) and the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. Missouri's response rate was second only to North Dakota. [Read more...](#)

Driving to Work Alone Decreases in Missouri

According to recently released data from the American Community Survey, 75.5 percent of U.S. workers aged 16 or older drove to work alone in 2008. In Missouri, 79.8 percent of workers drove to work alone, slightly higher than the national average, but down by approximately 51,000 drivers from 2007. [Read more...](#)



PAST ISSUES

[Missouri Focus October 9, 2009](#)

[Missouri Focus October 2, 2009](#)

[Missouri Focus September 25, 2009](#)

[Missouri Focus September 18, 2009](#)

DED PRESS RELEASES

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[Missouri LocationOne](#)

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DED awards Neighborhood Assistance Program Tax Credits to St. Louis Non-profit Organization

St. Louis Children's Hospital has been approved for \$239,042 in Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP) tax credits from the Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED). Donations received as part of this NAP project will be



DWD Program Receives National Youth Award

Division of Workforce Development (DWD) Director Julie Gibson was recently notified that the DWD-administered, highly successful Jobs for Missouri Graduates (JMG) program has been selected to receive a 2009 National Workforce Development Leadership Award from the Jobs for American's Graduates (JAG) national



Edward Jones Adding 250 More Jobs

As part of its expansion in St. Louis County, Edward Jones is planning to add 250 additional jobs at both its North and South campuses. Last week's job announcement took place at the dedication of a second, 372,000-square-foot facility on the North campus. The company plans to complete a South campus expansion by the

utilized for the hospital's Healthy Kids Asthma Express (HKAE) program. [Read more...](#)

DED Awards Neighborhood Assistance Program Tax Credits to Hayti

The Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED) has announced that Hayti's Helping Ministry Neighborhood Development Corp. has been approved for \$146,708 in tax credits under the Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP). Funds will be used to train young people, ages 14-25, in vo-tech training of construction trades; DED or high school graduation; and financial literacy classes. [Read more...](#)

DED Awards \$86,911 in EEZ Tax Credits to Moscow Mills Business for Creation of 20 New Jobs, \$2.3M New Investment

Elite Tool in Moscow Mills has been approved for \$86,911 in Enhanced Enterprise Zone (EEZ) program state tax credits over a five-year period for the creation of 20 new jobs and new investment of \$2.35 million for the company's replacement facility at 1011 Industrial Court, Moscow Mills. [Read more...](#)

City of Clark Awarded \$500,000 Emergency CDBG for Water System Improvement Project

The city of Clark has been approved for a \$500,000 emergency Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for a water system improvement project, the Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED) announced recently. [Read more...](#)

school-to-career program. Through classroom training and partnerships with businesses, JMG prepares students for the workplace, the military or post-secondary education. JMG served approximately 715 participants during school year 2008-2009 and received four awards at the 2009 JAG National Training Seminars. The award will be formally presented to DWD at a JAG Special Recognition Reception in Washington, DC on November 18th.

National Report Cites Southwest WIB Strategy

The Workforce Investment Board of Southwest Missouri's plan to use occupational data in business attraction strategies was featured in a national report from the U.S. Department of Labor. The Fall 2009 Occupational Information Network (O*NET) report includes the strategy as one of several leading-edge, best practices nationwide. The [Southwest WIB](#) is part of a four-state economic development consortium that recently helped attract a solar cell semiconductor component manufacturer - which created 250 new jobs and a \$51 million investment - using data on the skills and availability of workers in the area. [Read more...](#)

end of the year, and add yet another, third building at the North campus.

[Read more...](#)

Joplin Firm Continues Work for Space Shuttle

Joplin's LaBarge Inc. manufacturing plant is working to fulfill a new \$1.8 million project for the United Space Alliance (USA) to make complex cables and wiring harnesses for the space shuttle's solid rocket boosters, which provide the main propulsion system for launching the shuttle. [Read more...](#)

Laurie Customer Service Center Adds Jobs to Lake Area

The Medical Transportation Management (MTM) Customer Service Center in Laurie is filling a need for jobs in the area, as well as filling empty space in the Laurie Mall. The satellite call center of the Lake St. Louis-based company is providing 31 jobs for local employees and will be adding 20 more jobs soon. MTM is a privately held, woman-owned business enterprise. [Read more...](#)

Alberici Wins \$44M Contract to Help Build \$4.9M Nuclear Fuel Plant

St. Louis-based Alberici Constructors Inc. has been awarded a \$44 million subcontract from Shaw Areva Mox Services LLC to build a portion of a \$4.9 billion plant that will convert weapons-grade plutonium into fuel for nuclear power plants. The U.S. Department of Energy's Nuclear Security Administration hired Shaw to design and construct the facility on a government site in Aiken, South

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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](#)

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

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

[Missouri Enterprise Business Assistance Center](#)

Scott County Awarded \$20,251 Emergency CDBG for Water System Improvement Project

Thomas Kelley School in Scott County will be the beneficiary of a \$20,251 emergency Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) from the Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED). The grant will be utilized for a water system improvement project that will install a temporary domestic well to serve the school. [Read more...](#)

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GLOBAL NEWS

Missouri Signs Mutual Trade Agreement with Taiwan



Gov. Nixon welcomed the Taiwan Agricultural Goodwill Mission to Missouri earlier this month and signed a joint communiqué to ensure that the mutual relationship between Missouri and Taiwan continues to flourish. Taiwanese consumers offer a strong market for Missouri, and the visit from the Taiwanese delegation demonstrates Taiwan's continued willingness to purchase U.S. agricultural products.

Agricultural officials from Taiwan and state and national leaders of corn and soybean growers were present for the signing. [Read more...](#)

Peabody Energy Expands Global Reach with Indonesia Office

St. Louis-based Peabody Energy announced last week that it has opened an office in Jakarta, Indonesia, to expand the company's reach into the Asian markets. Peabody Chairman and Chief Executive Gregory Boyce reported that Indonesia is the world's largest source of export thermal coal and the Pacific markets are driving global demand for coal, with an expected 5 to 10 percent compound annual growth over the next five or more years. [Read more...](#)



ExIm Bank Presents "Exports Live! Real Deals - Real Profits"



The Export-Import Bank of the United States (ExIm Bank) is offering a unique trade event that is specially designed for small and medium-sized businesses wanting to start or grow their international sales. The

"Exports Live! Real Deals – Real Profits" program is being offered in eight cities across the nation during October and November. Learn how local businesses successfully grew their sales with government products and services. [Read more...](#)