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MISSOURI COMMUNITY NEWS

DED Accepting Applications for 2010 YOP Program



The Department of Economic Development (DED), Youth Opportunities Program (YOP) is currently accepting applications for calendar year 2010, and will continue to take applications until all tax credits are allocated or until September 30, 2010, whichever comes first. The guidelines and application may be downloaded from the [YOP website](#). If you do not have access to the website, please contact the YOP staff at (573) 751-4539 for a hard copy.

Application workshops have been scheduled to discuss the program and answer questions about the application process. Attendance at the workshops is not mandatory, but applicants will be allowed only one opportunity to add information and resubmit a denied application this year, so you are encouraged to take advantage of every opportunity to learn about the YOP application and review process. Workshop registration is required. [Registration forms](#) are posted on the YOP website. Due to variable weather conditions, workshop dates are subject to change. Please contact YOP staff at (573) 751-4539 should you have any questions regarding the 2010 application process.

St. Louis, K.C. Rank Among Nation's 40 "Recession Proof" Retirement Cities

Forbes magazine recently released its list of "America's 40 'Recession Proof' Retirement Cities," based on factors such as average income for seniors, current and expected home prices, job-growth predictions through 2014, cost of living and median monthly housing costs. The St. Louis metropolitan statistical area (MSA) ranked No. 5 and the Kansas City MSA ranked No. 9 on the list. [Read more...](#)



MSU's Idea Commons Receives National Award



Missouri State University (MSU) has received the 2009 Award of Excellence from the national University Economic Development Association for the IDEA Commons concept. MSU associate vice president for economic development Allen Kunkel said, "Being recognized by a national association, and by a group of

our peers, reinforces the vision and impact that IDEA Commons will have on Springfield and the surrounding area." [Read more...](#)

Winfield Foley Fire District Receives \$1.2M FEMA Grant

The Winfield Foley Fire Protection District has received a \$1.2 million grant for a new fire station, awarded through the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA's) Department of Homeland Security. The District applied for the first-time-ever grant in June of 2009. Winfield Foley was one of four grants awarded to fire districts in the State of Missouri. [Read more...](#)



UPCOMING EVENTS

Missouri Partnership Events: Oct. - Nov. 2009

[Schedule of Missouri Partnership Marketing Events](#)

November 1 - 5, 2009

[Annual Energy Sector Mission](#)

November 3 - 4, 2009

[China Overseas Investment Fair \(COIF\) 2009](#)
[Trade Show Commitment Form](#)

November 4, 2009

[AmeriCorps/Senior Corps Workshop](#)
Jefferson City

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](#)

November 5, 2009

[AmeriCorps/Senior Corps Workshop](#)
Springfield

St. Louis Universities Receive \$8M Grant from CDC



The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recently awarded a five-year, \$8 million grant package to The Prevention Research Center, a collaboration between St. Louis University's School of Public Health and Washington University's schools of medicine and social work. [Read more...](#)

FOCUS ON MISSOURI

Gov. Nixon Selects Kansas Commerce Secretary as Head of Missouri Department of Economic Development

David Kerr has lead Kansas economic development agency since 2007; previously was president of AT&T Kansas and executive for SBC in St. Louis, Dallas



Gov. Jay Nixon has selected David D. Kerr, Commerce Secretary for the state of Kansas, as the new director of the Missouri Department of Economic Development. In making the announcement, Gov. Nixon said "David Kerr has an impressive resume of success as both the leader of a state economic development agency and in the private sector as a top executive with one of the largest telecommunications companies in the country. His experience will be a great asset to

Missouri in the competition to attract and retain the good-paying jobs that will make the best use of our highly skilled, trained workforce." Mr. Kerr will begin his new job Nov. 9. [Read more...](#)

DED BCS Sales Team Restructured

Business and Community Services (BCS) has restructured its regional sales team utilizing existing resources. Each BCS region will now include an existing Industry Specialist to assist with business and community needs. The Industry Specialists will maintain their industry role and have been assigned strategically to assist in regions that provide growth opportunities within their industry specialty. The assignments are: Jessica Eads, Life Sciences - Kansas City and Central regions; Bob Donnelly, Information Technology - Southwest and South Central regions; Mark Russell, Agribusiness – North region; Jason Archer, Automotive - St. Louis region; and Don Ransom, Transportation and Logistics – Southeast region. [BCS Sales Team Map...](#)



MCSC to host AmeriCorps, Senior Corps Workshops



The Missouri Community Service Commission (MCSC) will host a series of informational workshops in early November on both the AmeriCorps and Senior Corps national service programs. The workshops are scheduled for: Jefferson City on November 4; Springfield on November 5; and Hannibal on November 12, and will provide general information about the national service programs and how to apply. Persons interested in applying for an AmeriCorps state grant will be invited to attend an additional workshop that will focus on the process of completing the application. [Read more...](#)

IEDC Elects Denny Coleman as Vice Chair

The Board of Directors of the International Economic Development Council (IEDC) has elected Denny Coleman, president and CEO of the St. Louis County Economic Council (SLCEC), as Vice Chair of the Board. Coleman will be elevated from the position of secretary/treasurer to serve a one-year term in his new role beginning in January 2010. [Read more...](#)



November 6, 2009

["Tools and Techniques for Rural Development"](#)

November 11 - 13, 2009

[HOSPEX Japan](#)

November 12, 2009

[AmeriCorps/Senior Corps Workshop](#)
Hannibal

November 18 - 20, 2009

[4th Annual Missouri Reentry Conference](#)

April 19 - 21, 2010

[4th Annual Maastricht Institute of Entrepreneurship](#)

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DED PRESS RELEASES

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[Missouri Business Portal](#)

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[Missouri Women Owned Business Network](#)

[Missouri LocationOne](#)



Scary Halloween Facts and Figures



Consumers in the Midwest, which includes Missouri, plan to spend an average of \$51.20 this year on Halloween costumes, decorations, candy, and greeting cards, according to the National Retail Federation. Total Halloween spending for 2009 is estimated to reach \$4.75 billion, a decline from 2008. The downturn of the economy has consumers planning creative ways to stretch their Halloween dollar. [Read more...](#)

IRS Migration Data for 2007/2008 Available

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has released new state and county-level migration flows based on tracking tax returns between 2007 and 2008. The Missouri Census Data Center has obtained this data and made it available in their public data archive, as well as via the interactive web application that displays a migration profile for any selected county in the United States. [Read more...](#)



Savannah Selected for 2009 DREAM Initiative
Grow and prosper – economically and aesthetically. That's the vision that city officials and residents have for Savannah, one of five Missouri communities selected to participate in the 2009 DREAM Initiative. [Read more...](#)

2009 DREAM Designation Bestowed on Rolla
City officials in Rolla have a vision for its downtown: Make it the best place possible – a full-service, mixed-use destination that is known for its unique character and is welcoming, safe and accessible for citizens and visitors of all ages. They will get the chance to make that dream a reality after being selected to participate in the 2009 DREAM Initiative. [Read more...](#)

Total of \$210,935 in NAP Tax Credits Awarded to two St. Louis Non-profit Organizations



NGJT Essay Leads to Internship with WI Governor
Keila Marroquin is an 18-year-old migrant farm worker who participated in the [Next-Generation Jobs Team](#) (NGJT) program through the Kennett Career Center. Moved by her experience, she entered a national essay contest sponsored by the [Association of Farmworker Opportunity Programs](#) (AFOP), based out of Wisconsin. Keila's essay was selected as the best, winning her an internship with Wisconsin Governor Jim Doyle next summer. Said Gale Graves, Coordinator of Missouri's Migrant and Seasonal Farm Worker program (MSFW), "It is hard to explain to those who have not had to work the fields to earn a living just how big a success story this is. Through NGJT, the MSFW program and the dedication of the Career Center staff, we succeeded in helping this talented young person, who



MiTek Expands, Adds 40 jobs at Fountain Lakes
The St. Charles City Council has approved tax breaks to assist with the consolidation and expansion of MiTek industries, a construction products firm. The council approved \$7.1 million in industrial revenue bonds for MiTek to expand in the Fountain Lakes business area, adding 40 jobs. [Read more...](#)

UMKC Bloch School Offers The Innovation Suite of Courses
The University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC) Bloch School Executive Education Center, in partnership with the Bloch Institute for Entrepreneurship and Innovation, is presenting a new Innovation and Technology Suite of courses, taught by three world-renowned innovation scholars. *The Innovation Suite* offers five courses designed to help executive leaders make better strategic decisions about innovation and business

MissouriCareerSource.com

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[Missouri Development Finance Board](#)

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

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[MoFAST](#)

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

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

The Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED) has announced that two St. Louis not-for-profit organizations have been approved for \$210,935 in tax credits under the Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP). [Read more...](#)

Schuyler County Non-profit Organization Recipient of \$76,494 in NAP Tax Credits

Schuyler County Ministerial Alliance has been approved for \$76,494 in NAP tax credits by the Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED). The credits will be utilized to conduct a capital campaign for the construction of a new, 4,000-square-foot facility to house the Food Pantry and Clothing Nook. [Read more...](#)

Paris awarded \$158,816 Emergency CDBG for Sewer Forcemain Improvement Project

The city of Paris has been approved for a \$158,816 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) from the Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED) that will be utilized to locate and replace two cast-iron forcemains that are currently placed in a river bank that failed due to flood waters. [Read more...](#)

might otherwise have been working in a cotton field next summer, to learn valuable new administrative skills in a key position with a state's chief executive."

National Vets Organization Notes Missouri's Approach as Best Practice

Missouri's veterans' workforce program officials were recently visited by the [National Veterans Training Institute](#) (NVTI), as they presented training to Division of Workforce Development and partner management staff. NVTI officials were so impressed with Missouri's veterans' workforce materials, including the brochure and posters created as "priority of service" materials, that they expressed a wish to incorporate them as a best practice for use in national training. Rodney Henry, State Veterans Program Coordinator stated, "We appreciate the hard work that went into developing these exemplary materials and are pleased that they will be used across the nation to help veterans obtain successful careers."

New Southwest Location for Workforce Services

On Nov 5, the Workforce Investment Board of Southwest Missouri and the Pineville United Methodist Church will hold a [grand opening](#) for a new location to serve community job seekers. [Read more...](#)

growth. [Read more...](#)

Denver Firm will Develop \$8.5M Complex at Spirit of St. Louis Airport

Denver-based Aviation Development Group has announced plans to develop an \$8.5 million hangar complex for private aircraft at the Spirit of St. Louis Airport in Chesterfield. The facility will include 27 hangar units, some with attached office space and some with attached two-car garages. [Read more...](#)

Advantage Capital Invests in Computime

Venture capital and small business finance firm Advantage Capitol Partners has invested \$2 million in financing to St. Louis-based Computime, Inc., a provider of electronic signature fulfillment and support services. The investment was made in connection with the federal and state New Markets Tax Credit programs. [Read more...](#)

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

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GLOBAL NEWS

Ex-Im Bank Hits 75-year Financing High in Fiscal Year 2009

Records Set for Overall Financing As Well As Small Business Support

The Export-Import Bank of the United States (Ex-Im Bank) achieved its highest financing level since its establishment in 1934, authorizing more than \$21 billion in support of U.S. exports during the fiscal year just concluded. The Bank also set a record for



financing of U.S. small business exports at \$4.36 billion. [Read more...](#)

Monsanto Partners with Huazhong Agricultural University

Monsanto Company has entered into a collaborative agreement with Huazhong Agricultural University in China to focus on the development of plant biotechnology.

Monsanto will evaluate and advance technologies developed by Professor Qifa Zhang's research team to develop traits such as higher yield, drought resistance and nitrogen use efficiency. [Read more...](#)



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