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MISSOURI COMMUNITY NEWS

Revisions to Joint EDA/CDBG Grant Process



The Department of Economic Development (DED) has made some revisions to the process for submitting proposals for funding local projects. Individual projects proposing EDA funding must apply directly to EDA, not

through the Department of Economic Development. Please refer to the revised [Request for Proposal](#) for further information.

O'Fallon Named in Top 100 Places to Live

O'Fallon has been named to Relocate-America's™ "Top 100 Places to Live" in 2009. Relocate America helps home buyers and sellers access relocation resources that make moving easier. The Relocate America team reviews local economy, housing and other essential statistics important to making key real estate buying decisions. [Read more...](#)



"Outstanding Women of Missouri" Exhibit on Display in Brookfield



The Linn County Health Department is sponsoring the "[Outstanding Women of Missouri](#)" traveling history exhibit at the Brookfield YMCA for the month of May. The exhibit features more than 60 Missouri women who have made a difference through their leadership, dedication, and courage. [Read more...](#)

IEDC's Business Retention and Expansion Training Course

The International Economic Development Council (IEDC) is offering its Business Retention and Expansion training course in Columbus, Ohio, June 11-12. A strong business retention and expansion (BRE) program ensures that the needs of local businesses are not only heard, but are also addressed. Learn the "red flags" that may indicate a company is looking to move elsewhere, and learn how to structure an effective system to respond to business concerns. [Read more...](#)



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UPCOMING EVENTS

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[Outstanding Missouri Women Traveling History Exhibit](#)

Brookfield YMCA

May 6 - 7, 2009

["What You Need to Know to be Successful in China"](#)

May 12, 2009

[Wind Industry Supply Chain Workshop](#)

Kansas City

May 18, 2009

[Missouri Film Commission Meeting](#)

May 19, 2009

[Missouri Women's Council Board Meeting](#)

Truman Building
Room 680

10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

FOCUS ON MISSOURI

Mars Petcare US Invests in the KC Animal Health Corridor



Company will create vital new research and development facility at existing plant

Mars Petcare US, one of the nation's leading providers of petcare products, has announced plans to develop a new, state-of-the-art research and development facility at their existing manufacturing site in Kansas City, Mo., located within the KC Animal Health Corridor. The company also has future plans to update production capabilities at the site. The entire

project will create up to 157 new full-time Mars Petcare US positions at the facility within the next year. [Read more...](#)

Department of Energy Awards Two Research Centers in Missouri

The Department of Energy, Basic Energy Sciences recently held a competition to establish Energy Frontier Research Centers across the United States. Earlier

this week, they announced the winners of this competition. Richard Sayre (at the Donald Danforth Plant Sciences Center) and Bob Blankenship (at Washington University in St. Louis) were both awarded centers. These were the only two centers established in Missouri. [Read more...](#)



MoDOT Delivers First of 802 Better Bridges



The Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) marked a milestone last week in its mission to fix 802 of the state's worst bridges in five years by reopening the first bridge repaired under the Safe & Sound Bridge Improvement Program. MoDOT, Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission and county officials celebrated the rehabilitation of the bridge over Hominy Creek on Route AA north of Route 32 near the city of Halfway in Polk

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

Midwest Energy and Climate Policy Conference

The Midwest Energy and Climate Policy Conference will be held June 1-2 at the Missouri Botanical Garden in St. Louis. Experts from across the country will discuss federal and state priorities, proposed legislative and regulatory actions, the continuing efforts of the Midwest GHG Reduction Accord, corporate response to climate change, state and local efforts, private initiatives, financial carbon markets, green buildings, and many other issues. [Read more...](#)



Clooney Film Boosts Missouri Economy



The Paramount comedy production starring George Clooney, "Up in the Air," spent \$12 million to \$15 million in Missouri and generated two to three times that amount in total economic activity, according to Jerry Jones, the director of the Missouri Film Commission. The producers hired about 90 local trade unionists, and 2,000 star-struck civilians worked as

extras. (Photo courtesy of *St. Louis Post Dispatch*) [Read more...](#)

May 19, 2009

[Friends of the Missouri Women's Council Board Meeting](#)

Truman Building
Room 680
3:30 p.m.

May 20, 2009

[NAP Workshop](#)

June 1 - 2, 2009

[Midwest Energy and Climate Policy Conference](#)

June 2 - 5, 2009

[C2ER 49th Annual Conference - "Energizing Entrepreneurship: Monitoring Progress, Making Change"](#)

June 3 - 5, 2009

[MEDC Spring Conference](#)
Lodge of Four Seasons,
Lake Ozark

June 23 - 25, 2009

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

June 30, 2009

[Missouri Women's Council Award of Distinction - deadline for nominees](#)

July 9, 2009

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

July 16, 2009

[NAP Workshop](#)

July 26 - 29, 2009

[Summers @ Mizzou "Build-a-Business" Camp](#)

FORTUNE 500

Fortune's Top 500 Companies: Missouri is home to eight top businesses

Fortune magazine recently released the Fortune 500 list for 2009. The top five U.S. companies, by 2008 revenues, were Exxon Mobil (\$442.8 billion), Wal-Mart (\$405.6 billion), Chevron (\$263.1 billion), Conoco Phillips (\$230.7 billion) and General Electric (\$183.2 billion). Eight Missouri-based companies made this year's list of the top 500 companies with the greatest revenues. Emerson Electric (94th) was the state's highest-ranking company for 2009 with revenues of \$25.2 billion. [Read more...](#)

Missouri's Personal Income Outpaces National Average

According to revised data from the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA), Missouri's personal income rose by 4.2 percent in 2008 to over \$208 billion. The state's growth rate was above the U.S. increase of 3.9 percent, which brought the nation's personal income to over \$12 trillion last year. [Read more...](#)



Missouri Women's Council Seeking Nominations for Award of Distinction

The [Missouri Women's Council](#) is currently seeking nominations of extraordinary women for its annual Award of Distinction. The winners will be honored during the 51st Annual Governor's Conference on Economic Development in St. Louis, September 9-11. Executive Director Mary Cottom said, "Our state enjoys a tradition of strong and powerful women in the community. Whether they are public officials or business women, school teachers or a local community volunteer, these women have been the backbone of our

Kansas City Full Employment Council Trains Next Generation Workforce

The Kansas City-area workforce development system, administered by the [Full Employment Council](#) (FEC), has launched a program to train young workers for next-generation jobs. For its five-county region, FEC will receive some \$9.5 million in job training funds from the federal Recovery Act to provide 1,500 youth and young adults, aged 16 to 24, with summer internships and work experiences with the government and nonprofit sectors. During the eight-week internships, participants will earn \$8 an hour; and, at the end of

MDFB Approves Missouri Small Business Loan Program

By an overwhelming vote, the Missouri Development Finance Board (MDFB) has approved Gov. Nixon's small business loan program. Designed to provide small businesses with capital through low-interest or no-interest loans, the small-business loan program will receive \$2 million in initial funding from the MDFB. [Read more...](#)

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lives.” [Read more...](#)

Department of Economic Development Announces Enhanced Enterprise Zone Designation for Grundy County

The Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED) has approved Enhanced Enterprise Zone (EEZ) designation for Grundy County that will allow the area to continue to move forward in its economic development efforts. DED Director Linda Martínez said, “We are hopeful that DED taking an active role in enhancing Grundy County’s economic development efforts will lead to the creation of several new jobs throughout the county.” [Read more...](#)

DED Awards \$382,631 in Enhanced Enterprise Zone Tax Credits to St. Joseph Business

The Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED) has announced approval of state tax credits for a St. Joseph business under the Enhanced Enterprise Zone (EEZ) program to assist in the creation of new jobs and investment in the St. Joseph area. [Read more...](#)

their internships, participants who attend postsecondary school can receive various skill and book scholarships. FEC is working with the United Way of Greater Kansas City to provide a financial literacy component to the training, and also has partnerships with the Metropolitan Energy Center, Kansas City Power & Light and the University of Central Missouri to provide weatherization training. The FEC is prepared to offer "on-demand, just in time" training which can lead to an accredited credential. [Read more](#) or learn more about Gov. Nixon's [Next-Generation Jobs Team](#).

Job Fair Connects Kirksville-area Businesses, Job Seekers

Hundreds of job seekers connected with dozens of businesses at the bi-annual NEMO Job Fair held at the NEMO Fairgrounds in Kirksville on April 21. Over 325 job seekers attended the event, with many finding employment opportunities among the 38 businesses in attendance. Sponsors of the event included the Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce, Kirksville Career Center, Kirksville MEC, Ameren UE, Kirksville Regional Economic Development, Inc., and the [NEMO Workforce Investment Board](#). Several businesses commented on the accommodations, compliments of AmerenUE

Former K-Mart Facility Refurbished to Create Hazelwood Business Incubator

California-based CargoBay has developed a new small business incubator and office campus in Hazelwood, inside an old 80,000-square-foot K-Mart building that has been empty for four years. The building has been completely refurbished into conference rooms, 45 offices and 38,000 square feet of storage space, which will be rented out to entrepreneurs, salespeople and small businesses who need space but may not want the complications of their own standalone offices. [Read more...](#)

Nixa’s Aire-Master Named in Top Franchise Rankings

Aire-Master of America, a Nixa commercial hygiene and odor control company, has been named in the top 300 AllBusiness AllStar Franchise rankings in the country in 2009. The first of an annual rating was conducted by AllBusiness.com Inc., a Dun & Bradstreet company. Franchises were ranked on various criteria, including franchise unit growth rate, financial strength, system size, years in business, years franchising, availability of financing, and Web (brand) visibility. [Read more...](#)

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

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

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

[Missouri Enterprise](#)

MARC Creates Web Site to Track Stimulus Dollars

The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) has launched a new section on its Web site to provide information on the effects of stimulus dollars on the Kansas City area. MARC created the new Web page to help local governments understand the recovery package, identify where to apply for funds, and coordinate economic recovery efforts in the Kansas City area.

[Read more...](#)

and the NEMO WIB, along with good reviews of the event reported by both businesses and job seekers. The Kirksville Career Center has also been busy over the past two months providing testing and interviewing for over 175 individuals for jobs with the U.S. Census Bureau.

Insurance Company to Hire 100 in St. Louis

Liberty National Life Insurance Co. recently announced it will be hiring 100 sales agents and managers for its two new branch offices in St. Louis. A job interview event will be held May 6 at the Doubletree Hotel St. Louis at Westport. [Read more...](#)

GLOBAL NEWS

Peabody Becomes Founding Member of Global Carbon Capture and Storage Institute



Peabody Energy has announced an agreement with the Government of Australia to become a founding member of the Global Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) Institute, an international initiative to accelerate commercialization of CCS technologies. Peabody Energy is advancing signature projects around the world to commercialize near-zero and low-carbon emission technologies, including GreenGen in China, the COAL21 Fund in Australia and FutureGen in the United States. [Read more...](#)

World Bank Increases Infrastructure Funding for Poor Nations

In an effort to fight the global economic recession and help jumpstart a recovery, the World Bank announced last week that it will provide \$45 billion over the next three years to support road construction and other infrastructure projects in poor nations. When the funds are combined with additional efforts from World Bank's private sector arm, the funding could total \$55 billion for job creation, future economic growth and reduction of poverty. [Read more...](#)



Payment and Settlement Businesses to be Regulated by People's Bank of China



The People's Bank of China (PBOC) has published a notice that requires all non-financial organizations engaged in payment and settlement businesses in China, including Internet platforms, to fully register under the new guidelines by July 31. Businesses covered in this requirement include online payment firms; the issuance and settlement of e-currency; the interbank clearing of notes and bankcards; and other businesses approved by the PBOC. [Read more...](#)

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