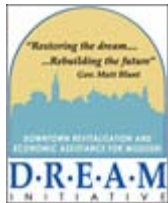


June 19, 2009

## MISSOURI COMMUNITY NEWS

### DED Announces Opening of 2009 DREAM Initiative



The Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED) has announced the opening of the 2009 Downtown Revitalization and Economic Assistance for Missouri (DREAM) Initiative. The DREAM Initiative was launched to help small and mid-sized Missouri communities navigate through the various downtown revitalization, business development and residential resources available through state government to further help those communities with downtown revitalization and job creation efforts. [Read more...](#)

### Springfield-Branson Airport Passengers Increase in May

Along with the May 6 opening of a new terminal at the Springfield-Branson National Airport, came a significant increase in the number of air passengers at the airport. More than 81,496 passengers moved through the airport on 829 commercial flights in May, up 17 percent from May of 2008 and the 10th busiest month on record. [Read more...](#)



### Missouri Hospitals Provide Nearly \$2B in Community Benefit



Hospitals are one of the strongest segments of Missouri's communities during this current economic slowdown. According to a community investment report issued last week by the Missouri Hospital Association, Missouri's hospitals provided more than \$1.8 billion in community benefit in 2007. The report was based on voluntary submission from hospitals and also reported more than \$8 billion in facilities and workforce compensation by hospitals. [Read more...](#)

### Missouri Foundation for Health Awards \$5.9M in Grants

The Missouri Foundation for Health (MFH) has awarded nearly \$5.9 million in grants to 11 nonprofit organizations across Missouri for community health activities. MFH also granted nearly \$2 million to three Missouri universities – Missouri State University, Springfield; University of Missouri-Columbia; and Washington University, St. Louis. [Read more...](#)



### Two Missouri Cities Rank in "Next Cities" for Young Professionals



One of the nation's leading young professional consulting firms, Next Generation Consulting, has released its latest rankings of America's "Next Cities" - places with the assets and amenities that attract and keep a young, educated workforce. The rankings place Springfield at No. 17 in the Mighty Micros list (populations of 100,000-200,000), and St. Louis at No. 19 in the Midsize Magnets list (populations of 200,000-

## UPCOMING EVENTS

June, July, August

[Outstanding Missouri Women Traveling History Exhibit](#) at [Arrow Rock State Historic Site](#)

June 23 - 25, 2009

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

June 24, 2009

[Small Business Regulatory Fairness Board meeting](#)

June 29, 2009

["Economic Development and Grant Training Workshop"](#)

June 30, 2009

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

July 7, 2009

[Southwest Missouri Wind Energy Supply Chain Workshop](#)  
Neosho

July 9, 2009

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

500,000). [Read more...](#)

## FOCUS ON MISSOURI

### DED Releases May 2009 State Jobs Report



The state of Missouri's job losses moderated in May, but the state's unemployment rate resumed its climb following a decrease in April, according to data released today by the Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED). The state's seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate increased by nine-tenths of a point from 8.1 percent in April to 9.0 in May.

Approximately 272,000 Missourians were estimated to have been jobless during the month of May. [Read more...](#)

### MoDOT Creates New Division to Help Minorities Obtain Jobs

The Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) has created a new division to assist minority-owned, women-owned and disadvantaged businesses with obtaining transportation construction projects and jobs. The External Civil Rights division will oversee the department's affirmative action, equal opportunity and nondiscrimination programs. [Read more...](#)



### Southwest Missouri Wind Industry Supply Chain Workshop – Location Change



The third and final Wind Industry Supply Chain Workshop, set to serve the southwest Missouri market, is now being held in Neosho at Crowder College instead of the original Springfield location. [Registration](#) is now open for the "Southwest Missouri Wind Industry Supply Chain Workshop," to be held July 7, in the Arnold Farber Building at Crowder College. [Read more...](#)

### Register now for AFCOM's Data Center World® Conference

For the first time ever, Missouri will maintain an exhibition presence at the Association for Computer Operations Management (AFCOM) Data Center World® Conference and Expo in Orlando, Florida, October 4-7. The Missouri Partnership has successfully negotiated with AFCOM the following: For a total price of \$800, partners will not only be able to work the Missouri booth, but will enjoy full access to the entire Data Center World conference. If your community plans to join the Partnership and the Missouri team at this conference, please provide your completed 2009 tradeshow commitment form no later than 5 p.m., Friday, July 24. Contact [Kim Young](#) with any questions. [Read more...](#)



July 16, 2009  
[NAP Workshop](#)

July 26 - 29, 2009  
[Summers @ Mizzou](#)  
["Build-a-Business" Camp](#)

July 30 - 31, 2009  
[Environmental Conference at the Lake](#)

August 18 - 21, 2009  
[Missouri Main Street Conference: Get Plugged In...Downtown](#)

September 9 - 11, 2009  
[Governor's Conference on Economic Development](#)

October 4 - 7, 2009  
[IEDC Annual Conference: Renewable Communities - Leveraging Your Competitive Resources](#)

October 4 - 7, 2009  
[AFCOM Data Center World® Conference](#)

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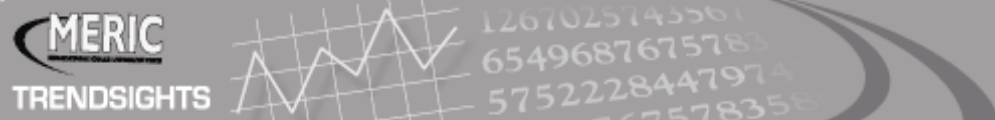
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### Father's Day Fun Facts and Spending Forecast



Father's Day is a day to recognize and honor the men and father figures who have made a difference in our lives. This year, we celebrate Father's Day on June 21. MERIC has compiled some fun facts and stats about the Father's Day holiday. [Read more...](#)

### Retail Trade Analysis: Northeast Workforce 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 Northeast WIA Retail Trade report shows Marion County had the highest pull factor in the region, followed by Adair and Warren. [Read more...](#)



### **Department of Economic Development Awards \$9.5M in CDBG Disaster Funding**

The Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED) has announced that 15 projects in areas of the state affected by weather-related disasters during 2008 have been approved for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding totaling \$9,564,021. A total of 36 applications requesting over \$19 million were received. [Read more...](#)

### **Missouri Community Service Commission Approved for \$1.1M in AmeriCorps Grants from Corporation for National and Community Service**

The Missouri Department of Economic Development has announced that three AmeriCorps programs in Missouri will receive a total of \$1,165,663 in grants from the Corporation for National and Community Service. The grants will support AmeriCorps members who will meet vital needs across the state. [Read more...](#)

### **DED Awards \$440,680 in Brownfield Redevelopment Tax Credits to St. Louis Organization**

The Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED) has announced that a St. Louis organization has been approved for remediation tax credits through the Brownfield Redevelopment



### **Missouri Career Centers Haven for St. Louis Job Seekers**

The June 12 edition of the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* featured an article illustrating how Missouri Career Centers in the St. Louis area are hosting a larger number of job seekers, with increasingly higher skills, as the unemployment numbers continue to rise, particularly in the automotive sector. The article, "'Wonderfully skilled people' flocking to state career centers," describes how the job search resources and "friendship and camaraderie" of the North Oaks Career Center staff provide much-needed support for job seekers facing the tough employment landscape. Even with these resources, career counselors advise clients to set realistic expectations about the types of jobs they consider. [Read more...](#)

### **Washington Woos Youth for Summer Jobs Program**

The Career Centers and workforce system in the Washington, Mo., area still have some slots available for the [Next-Generation Jobs Team](#). An upcoming ad in the *Washington Missourian* asks readers, "Still Looking for that Summer Job?" and shares that summer jobs/internships are currently open for eligible youth in health care,



### **Missourians Named in Ernst & Young's Regional Entrepreneur of the Year Awards**

Ernst & Young LLP has announced the Central Midwest regional winners of its Entrepreneur of the Year award competition. Regional award winners will be eligible for consideration for the Ernst & Young LLP national Entrepreneur of the Year awards, to be announced November 14. [Read more...](#)

### **Monsanto, BASF Discover Drought-Resistant Corn Breakthrough**

Creve Coeur-based Monsanto Co. and German-based BASF chemical company have announced the discovery of a naturally occurring bacterial gene that helps corn plants fight drought conditions and sustain yield stability during dry periods. The two companies are jointly contributing \$1.5 billion over the life of their research partnership. [Read more...](#)

### **Kauffman Study Reveals that Down Economy can Spark Entrepreneurs**

According to a new study by the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation, challenging economic times can serve as the rebirth of entrepreneurship, leading to the creation of much-needed new jobs. The study, "The Economic Future Just Happened,"

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

[Missouri Business Development Program](#)

[Missouri Small Business & Technology Development Centers \(SBTDC\) - {Schedule of training seminars at MSU...}](#)

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

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

### "Economic Development and Grant Training Workshop"

Hosted by Sen. Claire McCaskill's office, representatives of 10 state and federal agencies will take part in an economic development conference in Cape Girardeau. The daylong event, billed as an "Economic Development and Grant Training Workshop," will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., June 29, at Dempster Hall on the Southeast Missouri State University campus. [Read more...](#)

### Trenton Continues DREAM Work

Trenton's downtown improvements under the DREAM Initiative are moving forward. Property owners in the designated area will likely be able to begin work that counts as a match for a Community Development Block Grant the city is seeking within the next 30 days. [Read more...](#)

advanced manufacturing, communications, information technology and other cutting-edge industries. Washington offers an eight-week work assignment as part of the program, in which participants will be paid at least \$7.50 per hour and will be referred to businesses and non-profit agencies in the area, in addition to receiving ongoing support from local professional career counselors. A promotional event is being held on Tuesday, June 23, 6 - 8 p.m. at the East Central College Training Center in Union. Call (636) 583-5195, ext. 2409, 2410 or 2415 for more information.

points out "rising unemployment can benefit new enterprises: entrepreneurs may view unemployment as an opportunity to start a company, and seize the advantage provided by the ability to tap into a larger pool of potential employees." [Read more...](#)

### Tacony Manufacturing Announces New Web site and Vacuum Museum

With all of the recent media coverage about the "Made in the USA" vacuum, Tacony Manufacturing has developed a Web site for people who are interested in learning more about the company; its quality, U.S. made products; and how it's bringing more jobs to the United States. For a great source of information on Tacony's factory and products, as well as an additional selling tool for the Simplicity and Riccar dealers, take a look at the new [Web site](#). Also, watch for the announcement of Tacony's Vacuum Museum Grand Opening and take a look back in time, starting with early 1900 vacuums and working thru the years by decade. [Read more...](#)

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## GLOBAL NEWS

### SBA ARC Loan Program Now Accepting Applications



If your small business is stressed meeting expenses during these economic times, the U.S. Small Business Administration has a new loan program designed just for you. SBA's America's Recovery Capital (ARC) Loan Program can provide up to \$35,000 in short-term relief for viable small businesses facing immediate financial hardship to help ride out the current uncertain economic times and return to profitability. Each small business is limited to one ARC loan. [Read more...](#)

### Anheuser-Busch InBev Selling 11 European Breweries

The world's largest brewer, Anheuser-Busch InBev, is planning to sell 11 breweries in the countries of Bulgaria, Romania, Hungary, Croatia, Czech Republic, Serbia and Montenegro. The company is hoping to sell the assets in an effort to reduce the \$52 billion debt



it took on with the purchase of St. Louis-based Anheuser-Busch last year. [Read more...](#)



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