

## THE MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

is divided into four primary divisions: Business and Community Services, Division of Energy, **Division of Workforce Development and Division** of Tourism. The department also includes several councils and commissions that contribute to the objectives of economic development including: Missouri Technology Corporation, Office of the Public Counsel, Public Service Commission, Missouri Arts Council, Missouri Housing **Development Commission, Missouri Development** Finance Board, Missouri Women's Council, Missouri Military Preparedness and **Enhancement Commission,** Small Business Regulatory Fairness Board, and Missouri Film Office.

## **BUSINESS & COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**Existing Business Retention and Expansion, and Community Development** 

DED's business development specialists work with the numerous local economic development agencies and chambers of commerce to facilitate existing business projects. DED contracts with the Missouri Partnership to promote Missouri to <u>out-of-state businesses</u>. DED's community development services division helps support community-based organizations, non-profits and volunteer organizations with a number of finance incentive programs to strengthen communities and help grow businesses.

