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MISSOURI COMMUNITY NEWS

Construction Industry Finds Building Green will Reap Immediate and Future Benefits



Business survival in lean economic times calls for innovation and efficiency. So it stands to reason that green building and remodeling is the one bright spot in a housing market that continues on an unprecedented slump. As energy prices rise, consumers are taking a greater interest in green building, and government is making it worth their while to start investing in green technology now. Green building offers a sustainable solution to our current economic and energy concerns that will reap benefits far into the future. [Read more...](#)

Blue Springs Council Approves Bonds for Adams Dairy Landing Project

The Blue Springs City Council recently approved \$16.9 million in city-backed bonds for RED Development LLC to complete the \$140 million Adams Dairy Landing retail project. The funding will be utilized for work on pad sites, street improvements, lighting and other updates. [Read more...](#)



St. Charles Project Gets Approval for \$40M in City Bonds



The St. Charles City Council has approved \$40 million in bonds to move forward with the \$385 million Streets of St. Charles mixed-use development project. The Neighborhood Improvement Bonds will allow work to continue for streets, sewer and waterlines. The project will include 540 residential units, 250,000-square-feet of retail space and 150,000-square-feet of office space. [Read more...](#)

Economic Development Strategic Planning Training Course

Economic developers must build consensus among board members, stakeholders and the community as a whole, creating a unified vision for the future. Learn techniques to build consensus among stakeholders who represent different values and interests. Look at the steps that precede a strategic planning process, including identifying stakeholders and preparing an economic analysis. Explore methods for setting priorities and measuring your plan's impact. IEDC and MEDC are presenting this course in Springfield, March 18-19. Be sure to [register](#) through the MEDC Web site to be counted towards the attendance obligation. [Read more...](#)



UPCOMING EVENTS

Missouri Partnership Marketing Events

[Schedule of Missouri Partnership Marketing Events](#)

January 20 - March 31, 2010

[Making Exporting Easier Webinar Series](#)

January 31 - February 2, 2010

[IEDC Leadership Summit](#)

February 8 - 9, 2010

[MEDC Winter Conference](#)

February 14 - 19, 2010

[India Solar Energy Trade Mission II](#)

March 4, 2010

[Southeast Missouri Export Seminar Series](#)
Poplar Bluff, MO

March 8 - 13, 2010

[Medical Trade Mission to India](#)

March 16 - 17, 2010

[Greening Missouri Homes Conference](#)

March 18 - 19, 2010

[Economic](#)

FOCUS ON MISSOURI

Gov. Nixon Outlines Jobs Package During Visits to Missouri Businesses

Gov. Jay Nixon visited businesses in St. Louis, Kansas City and Columbia last week to detail his three-pronged 2010



Jobs Package. The Governor's initiative focuses on creating jobs now, and laying the foundation for long-term economic growth, by enhancing tools to help existing Missouri businesses expand; investing in the blossoming science and technology enterprises; and committing additional resources for job training at Missouri community colleges. [Read more...](#)

Missouri's Green Construction Conference Set for March in Jefferson City

The "Greening Missouri Homes: Retrofit-Develop-Build" conference will be March 16-17 at the Capitol Plaza Hotel and Conference Center in Jefferson City. It is designed to educate builders, remodelers, building officials, realtors, bankers, appraisers, and others about the potential for residential green building retrofits and development. For more information, contact [Tim Morris](#), MU Conference Office, (573) 882-2301. [Read more...](#)



Missouri Industry Trends: Central Region



This series of industry trend reports uses Local Employment Dynamics (LED) to detail the top industries in each of Missouri's Workforce Investment Areas (WIAs) and the age and gender makeup of the workforce in those top industries. In the Central WIA, the top employing industries were food services and drinking places and specialty trade contractors. [Read more...](#)

Opportunity to Participate in Employment Survey of Disabled Workers

Washington University in St. Louis is teaming up with the Region 7 Disability and Business Technical Assistance Center to collaborate on a study of people with disabilities who are successfully employed. Anyone with a disability (mobility and/or sensory) who has been at their current job for the last 2 years, who is working at least 20 hours per week, and who is working in either Missouri, Kansas, Iowa or Nebraska can fill out the Web-based survey and share their experience of finding and holding a job as an individual with a disability. [Read more...](#)



[Development Strategic Planning Training Course Springfield](#)

March 24 - 25, 2010
[InvestMidwest](#)

April 8, 2010
[Southeast Missouri Export Seminar Series](#)
Portageville, MO

April 18 - 22, 2010
[Heartland Basic E.D. Course](#)
Blue Springs

April 19 - 21, 2010
[4th Annual Maastricht Institute of Entrepreneurship](#)

April 21 - 23, 2010
[Missouri Association for Workforce Development \(MAWD\) Conference](#)

June 22 - 23, 2010
[AES Compliance Seminar: Complying with the Foreign Trade Regulations](#)

July 25 - 29, 2010
[2010 Summers @ Mizzou, Build-a-Business Camp](#)

PAST ISSUES

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[December 18, 2009](#)

DED PRESS RELEASES

QUICK LINKS



DED Awards \$113,079 in EEZ Tax Credits to Cuba Business for Job Creation, New Investment
McGinnis Wood Products, Inc., located in Cuba, has been approved for \$113,079 in state tax credits under the Enhanced Enterprise Zone (EEZ) program over a five-year period by the Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED) for the



Vet Website Goes Live and Draws Employers
Since the "[Show-Me Heroes](#)" Web site has gone live, responses from businesses have poured in. According to a recent Associated Press [interview](#) with program director, Lt. Col. Alan Rohlfing, the first participating employer was the State of Missouri's Office of Administration, but since then over 100 other employers have already



Jet Midwest Coming to KCI Overhaul Base
Jet Midwest has announced plans to move to the overhaul base and operate an engine repair shop at Kansas City International (KCI) airport. The company expects to have 30 employees at the facility by March, and could have 50-70 workers within the first year. Jet Midwest could possibly have 300 to 600 employees at the base

creation of 45 new jobs and \$2 million in new investment for an expansion facility located at 8052 Old 66 Hwy, Cuba. The business operations will be a manufacturing facility. [Read more...](#)

Noranda Aluminum, Inc. to Receive \$2.5 Million in Development Tax Credits

New Madrid's Noranda Aluminum, Inc., has been approved for 2.5 million in Development Tax Credits by the Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED) for an expansion project. The credits will be authorized at the 50 percent level based on contributions of at least \$5 million in cash over the next five years to the Sikeston Area Chamber of Commerce (SACC). In return, Noranda Aluminum will provide \$43.4 million in private investment, retaining 894 full-time jobs, to the project location. [Read more...](#)

Branson Chocolates Make it to the Grammys

Branson chocolatiers April and Shane Heaton, owners and operators of Chocolat, a gourmet shop featuring their own recipe for confectionary delights, were contacted more than a month ago to be included in the 2010 Grammy Award V.I.P gift bags. Chocolat features a variety of artisan chocolates such as green tea, peanut butter creams, peppermint, key lime, various caramels and a house specialty called Aztec Gold, which has a hint of honey and cinnamon and a kick of ancho chile. [Read more...](#)

Ralls County Electric Coop Receives \$19M in Grants to Expand

signed up or expressed interest. Rohlfing wants to see the initiative result in better lives for vets: "As a veteran and someone who cares greatly for fellow veterans, I know helping them reconnect with meaningful careers is one of the greatest ways we can say thank you for the sacrifices they've made in order to preserve our national security." Rohlfing will be promoting the program, which comes with assistance from a statewide network of veterans outreach specialists and various incentive programs, across the state over the next months.

Time Almost Out for Free Technology Vouchers

January 31st marks the final day that Missourians can participate in the Elevate America program that provides free vital certification and training in Microsoft Office software (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook). On Monday, DWD sent email blasts to tens of thousands of unemployment claimants, students and other job seeker groups who would benefit from the program's ability to demonstrate proficiency in the word processing, data management and presentation development skills required by employers state- and nation-wide. Said DWD Director Julie Gibson, "We don't want anyone to miss out on the chance to obtain this free product that will help advance them into a new career." While all of the IT Professional Vouchers have been claimed, there are still some remaining Office Training and Office Exam Vouchers left. Visit the [Microsoft Elevate](#)

within five years, occupying two buildings with more than 1.1 million square feet. [Read more...](#)

Consulting Firm Opens Office in KC, Adds 153 Jobs

New York-based consulting firm Genesis 10 has opened an office in Kansas City and will hire 153 employees over the next three years. The company will invest \$2.3 million in the facility and expects to hire recently laid off skilled, technical workers at annual salaries ranging from \$64,000 to \$84,000. [Read more...](#)

Washington Univ., St. Jude's Partner on Children's Cancer Project

Washington University's School of Medicine in St. Louis and St. Jude's Children's Hospital in Memphis are collaborating on a \$65 million research project in hopes of identifying genetic changes that cause childhood cancers. Scientists at Washington University's Genome Center pioneered whole-genome sequencing of cancer patients' genomes and became the first to decode the complete genome of a cancer patient. [Read more...](#)

Missouri Companies Make Fortune's Best Places to Work

Eight Missouri firms have been named to *Fortune* magazine's "100 Best Companies to Work For." The rankings are based on benefits, job growth, salaries, turnover, bonuses, perks and more. See detailed profiles of the top 100 employers, including interactive maps, key perks, contact information, and more. [Read more...](#)

[Dept. of Economic Development \(DED\)](#)

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[Missouri Women's Council](#)

[Missouri Women Owned Business Network](#)

[Missouri LocationOne](#)

[MissouriCareerSource.com](#)

[MOSourceLink](#)

[Missouri Workforce Investment Board](#)

[MERIC](#)

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[Missouri Community Service Commission \(MCSC\)](#)

[Missouri Partnership](#)

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[Missouri Arts Council](#)

[Economic Development at Mizzou](#)

[University of Missouri Extension](#)

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

[Missouri Business Development Program](#)

[Missouri Small Business & Technology Development Centers \(SBTDC\)](#)

Broadband

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has awarded the Ralls County Electric Cooperative (RCEC) over \$19 million in grants and loans to expand broadband Internet availability to residential and commercial customers in Northeast Missouri. The funding, which is part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, will help the RCEC lay nearly 1,218 miles of high-speed, fiber-optic cable to nearly 5,000 homes, businesses, public safety entities and community organizations in rural Northeast Missouri. [Read more...](#)

[America](#) Web site to fill out the simple form and apply.

State Gets \$6 Million for Worker Training

With the third such grant since the new year began, Missouri will receive \$6 million to train approximately 480 St. Louis-area workers for careers in "green" efficiency and renewable energy industries. DWD will administer the grant, in partnership with the Department of Natural Resources and other agencies. [Read more...](#)

St. Charles EDC Announces New Tenants, 1 Graduate, 1 Business Expansion

The Economic Development Center of St. Charles County recently announced five new business tenants, one business undergoing expansion and one graduation from the small business incubator. "There have been fewer times in recent memory where small business owners and aspiring entrepreneurs had more resources available to help make their business dreams come true," said Craig Frahm, the EDC's chief financial officer and incubator manager. [Read more...](#)

[{SBTDC training seminars at MSU}](#)

[MoFAST](#)

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

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

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

[Missouri Enterprise Business Assistance Center](#)

[Missouri General Assembly](#)

[Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry](#)

GLOBAL NEWS

Asia Pacific Business Outlook (APBO) Conference, April 19-20

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The APBO conference, hosted by the University of Southern California in Los Angeles with the full support of the U.S. Commercial Service, is the longest-running, regional conference focusing specifically on Asian markets. Scheduled for April 19-20, the conference is an opportunity for U.S. exporters to meet with fourteen senior commercial officers (SCOs) from throughout the Asia Pacific region, India and Mexico at one venue. The SCOs from American embassies, consulates and institutes will speak in small group workshops and be available for private one-on-one consultations with APBO participants. Space is limited so sign up today. [Read more...](#)

Complying with the Foreign Trade Regulations

Provide Accurate Data and Avoid Costly Penalties and Seizures
It is imperative for anyone involved with the export trade process to understand the new requirements of the Federal Trade Regulations (FTR) and how to avoid possible penalties and seizure of your commodities. In addition, it is vital to provide accurate and complete data in efforts to help the trade make sound business decisions. This Automated Export System (AES) seminar and workshop is brought to the Kansas City area, June 22-23, by the U.S. Commercial Services' U.S. Export Assistance Center – K.C. [Read more...](#)



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