

September 25, 2009

MISSOURI COMMUNITY NEWS

First Recovery Zone Bond Reallocation Application Deadline is September 30!



The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) provides that Recovery Zone Bonds must be issued before January 1, 2011, however, under Missouri law, all unused Recovery Zone Bond allocations revert back to the State for reallocation on July 1, 2010. Applications will be received by the Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED) for an estimated three (3) rounds of funding - **the first round applications must be postmarked no later than September 30, 2009.** [Read more...](#)

DED Issues Final Request for Disaster Supplemental CDBG Housing Funds

The Missouri Department of Economic Development has issued a final Request for Proposals (RFP) for Disaster Supplemental CDBG funding, exclusively for Affordable Rental Housing projects in disaster declared areas. Eligible applicants are units of local government (cities and counties) located in an area receiving a Presidential disaster declaration in 2008. Proposals for this supplemental funding must be postmarked no later than November 6. [Read more...](#)



Child Advocacy Center Celebrates Addition



The Child Advocacy Center in Springfield recently celebrated a ribbon-cutting ceremony to unveil a new addition to the center. A second program will be added to existing facilities, including a family waiting room, interview room, observation room and a medical exam room. The project was partially funded by Youth Opportunities Program tax credits from the Missouri Department of Economic Development. [Read more...](#)

"Power of Angel Investing" Seminar Offered by Columbia REDI

The Regional Economic Development, Inc. of Columbia, along with Centennial Investors, are offering the seminar "**Power of Angel Investing**" on October 16 at Cornell Hall on the MU Campus. The **Power of Angel Investing (PAI)** is a series of education programs about angel investing, developed by the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation, with content provided by angel experts and angel group leaders from around the country. [Read more...](#)



MSU's IDEA Commons to Receive \$2.75M Grant for Business Center

Missouri State University's IDEA Commons will receive a \$2.75 million grant from the U.S. Department of Commerce to rehabilitate and help establish the Entrepreneurship and Business Development Center in

UPCOMING EVENTS

Missouri Partnership Events: Sept. - Nov. 2009
[Schedule of Missouri Partnership Marketing Events](#)

September 17 - October 13, 2009
["Outstanding Women of Missouri" Traveling Exhibit](#)
 1030 Main St.
 Lexington, Mo.

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

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

October 6 - 9, 2009
[BioJapan 2009 World Business Forum](#)

October 8 - 9, 2009
[Missouri Economic Development Financing Association \(MEDFA\) Annual Conference](#)

October 12 - 14, 2009
[CoreNet Global Fall Summit](#)



the IDEA Commons urban research park. The IDEA Commons is a planned downtown community bringing together innovation, design, entrepreneurship and the arts, centered on the Jordan Valley Innovation Center. [Read more...](#)

Mt. Vernon CEO Named Missouri Small Business Champion

Scott George, president and CEO of Mid-America Dental & Hearing Center in Mt. Vernon, has been named the 2009 Small Business Champion for Missouri by the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB). He is an 18-year NFIB member and serves on the Missouri Leadership Council, which advises the association on small business issues. He has also testified before the Missouri General Assembly and U.S. Congress on regulatory fairness, workers' compensation and health care reform. [Read more...](#)



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Beachy Named Head of National Institute of Food & Agriculture by Obama Administration



Dr. Roger N. Beachy, founding President of the Donald Danforth Plant Science Center, has been appointed the first Director of the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) by President Barack Obama. Beachy will join the agency on October 5, 2009. "I am honored to have been selected for this position by the President and am committed to sharing my knowledge and experiences to help shape research and its applications that will impact agriculture and food in the U.S. and in developing economies," Beachy said. [Read more...](#)

Missouri Businesses, Individuals Honored at Governor's Conference on Economic Development

Several Missouri businesses and individuals were honored recently at the 2009 Governor's Conference on Economic Development in St. Louis. [Read more...](#)



Governor's Workforce Awards Laud Individual, Agency Excellence



The Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED) recently joined leaders in Missouri's economic development system to recognize individual and group accomplishments in strengthening Missouri's exceptional workforce and creating ever-expanding opportunities and jobs of the future at the 2009 Governor's Conference on Economic Development in St. Louis. DED's Division of Workforce Development (DWD) Director Julie Gibson presented Workforce Excellence Awards that recognize exemplary accomplishments and leadership at the conference. [Read more...](#)

DED Releases August 2009 State Jobs Report

The Missouri unemployment rate increased by two-tenths of a point in August on a seasonally-adjusted basis, according to data released recently by the Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED). [Read more...](#)



October 13 - 17, 2009
[Greater KC Chamber of Commerce Partnership Mission to Vancouver](#)

October 15, 2009
[Japan Robot Night](#)

October 18 - 19, 2009
[46th Annual MCB Conference](#)
Capitol Plaza,
Jefferson City

October 21 - 24, 2009
[Taiwan International Green Industry Show \(TiGiS\) 2009](#)

October 22, 2009
[Expanding Horizons Workshop](#)

October 22 - 23, 2009
[AIM's 2009 Missouri Tax Conference](#)

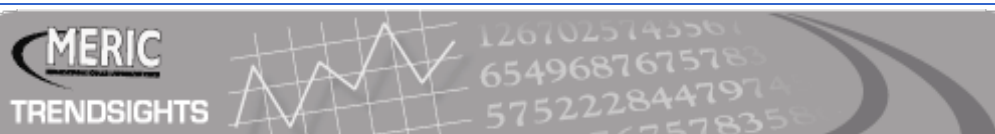
October 28 - 30, 2009
[MEDC Fall Conference](#)
Columbia

November 1 - 5, 2009
[Annual Energy Sector Mission](#)

November 3 - 4, 2009
[China Overseas Investment Fair \(COIF\) 2009](#)
[Trade Show Commitment Form](#)

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](#)



Census Bureau Releases 2008 American Community Survey Data

The U.S. Census Bureau has released data from the

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2008 American Community Survey. This release includes all one-year estimates from data collected in 2008 — including income and poverty estimates. In addition to social, economic and housing data, there are estimates on health insurance coverage, marital history and veterans' service-connected disability ratings for the first time. [Read more...](#)

Research Tools: YourEconomy.org

[YourEconomy.org](#) is an interactive resource center that allows users to explore economic activity in their own communities — and across the country. Developed by the Edward Lowe Foundation, YourEconomy provides detailed information about the performance of businesses from a national to a local perspective throughout the business lifecycle. [Read more...](#)



Paris Awarded \$43,900 Public Needs CDBG for Demolition of Structures

The city of Paris has been approved for a \$43,900 public needs grant under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). City officials have identified 10 vacant, deteriorated structures scattered through residential areas that create health and safety threats to residents of Paris. Upon completion of the project the blighted structures will be removed. [Read more...](#)

Ripley County Awarded \$250,000 Public Needs CDBG for ADA Modifications

Ripley County will utilize \$250,000 public needs grant under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program to make Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) modifications to Ripley County Memorial Hospital. The project will help to eliminate ADA violations within the facility to provide a safer and more efficient facility. [Read more...](#)

Pickering Awarded



Workforce Housing Summit Addresses Economic Issues

Staff with the Branson Career Center serve on the Taney County Workforce Housing Committee, which looks at affordable housing issues within the Branson area. On September 24th, the committee held a Workforce Housing Summit to explore future directions and strategies. The mayor of Branson, the economic developers of both Branson and Taney County, and DED Interim Director Katie Steele Danner participated in the summit. Helene Von Seckendorff from the Branson Career Center presented as part of a panel on unemployment, job openings in [MissouriCareerSource](#) and Career Center services. [Read more...](#)

Poplar Bluff Vets Get New Resource

Terry Crihfield (pictured below) recently came on board as the new Local Veteran's Employment Representative (LVER) for the Poplar Bluff area. A vital Career Center resource, LVERs work with veterans to help them find



Scottrade Receives Approval of \$2.5M for Expansion

The Missouri Development Finance Board (MDFB) has granted preliminary approval for \$2.5 million in BUILD (Business Use Incentives for Large Scale Development) tax credits for the \$36.5 million expansion of Scottrade Inc. in the St. Louis suburb of Town & Country. Scottrade expects to add 500 jobs in St. Louis County over the next five years. [Read more...](#)

West Asset Adds 107 Jobs in Earth City

Accounts receivable service provider and collection agency West Asset Management has announced plans to add 107 new jobs at its location in Earth City. The hiring is in response to increased business demands from a large, nationally known mortgage provider. The new agents will be taking inbound calls from mortgage clients to help them prevent foreclosure on their homes. [Read more...](#)

Ford Claycomo Plant

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\$334,200 Public Needs CDBG for Street and Drainage Improvements

The Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED) has announced that the city of Pickering has been approved for a \$334,200 public needs grant under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. The CDBG will be utilized for a street and drainage improvement project. [Read more...](#)

work, training, or other services necessary to become employed. Crihfield has been working in workforce services since 1990 and is a veteran of the United States Air Force, Missouri Air National Guard and Tennessee Air National Guard. He served in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Crihfield is a graduate of Southeast Missouri State University. Interested vets should contact Terry at the Poplar Bluff Career Center at (573) 840-9595.



Receives \$5.9B Federal Loan

The U.S. Department of Energy has awarded a \$5.9 billion federal loan to Ford Motor Company's Kansas City Assembly Plant in Claycomo. The loan is part of the Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing program that is designed to help transform Ford plants to produce more fuel-efficient vehicles. [Read more...](#)

GLOBAL NEWS

OPIC to Hold Minority and Women-owned Business Workshop in St. Louis



The Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC) will conduct a workshop in St. Louis for minority- and women-owned businesses in the Greater Midwest – the latest in a series that has educated more than 750 small and medium-sized business (SME) owners around the country about investment opportunities overseas and the OPIC products that can help SMEs take advantage of them. The *Expanding Horizons* workshop will be held October 22 at the St. Louis Union Station Marriott. [Read more...](#)

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Annual Energy Sector Mission - Washington, D.C., November 1 – 5, 2009

The Private Sector Liaison Officers (PSLO) Network invites you to an annual joint mission focusing on the renewable energy and energy efficiency sector opportunities at the International Financial Institutions. The mission is specifically designed to provide an opportunity for the private sector to:



- initiate a dialogue with the World Bank, Inter-American Development Bank and Asian Development Bank officers responsible for energy sector projects;
- understand the project requirements and constraints; and their level of competitiveness in accessing bank projects and bank-financed projects and programs in the energy sector.
- inform staff of the capabilities and interests of international firms in the energy sector.

An optional program with U.S. Department of Energy & other aid-funded organizations, "Sustainable Energy for the World: Smart Solutions in Renewable

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- [Missouri Economic Development Council \(MEDC\)](#)
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Energy and Energy Efficiency,” will also be included. [Read more...](#)

Basics of Export Distributor Agreements



The U.S. Commercial Service is presenting “Basics of Export Distributor Agreements,” November 10, 8 - 10 a.m. at the FedEx Customer Support Center in Overland Park, Kansas. Speaker will be attorney Christina Weis, Husch Blackwell Sanders, LLP, who counsels foreign and domestic parties in a broad range of international business and regulatory matters, ranging from international agreements and cross-border transactions to overseas dealerships and EXIM bank financing. [Read more...](#)

Peabody Creates Asian Coal Trading Hub in Singapore

Peabody Energy has opened an office in Singapore to serve as a new hub for Peabody COALTRADE International activities in Southeast Asia and expand the company’s access to high-growth seaborne coal markets. Pacific seaborne coal demand is very strong as Asian nations lead the world out of recession and drive sustained growth in coal consumption. [Read more...](#)



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