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MISSOURI COMMUNITY NEWS

DED Offers November Webinar: November 20 – LocationOne



The Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED) has scheduled its next webinar for November 20, from 9 - 11 a.m. Presenter Lisa Franklin will demonstrate new enhancements that make

LocationOne even more flexible and valuable. Learn what new features have been added to LocationOne to help you showcase your community! [Register here](#) for the free LocationOne webinar. [Submit suggestions](#) for future webinar topics.

\$325K in Grants Awarded by Community Foundation of the Ozarks

The Community Foundation of the Ozarks (CFO) recently awarded \$350,000 in community response grants to 10 nonprofit organizations in the Ozarks region. Preference was given to organizations whose missions match with three persistent social challenges, or “red flags,” acknowledged by the CFO – access to health care, child abuse and neglect, and hunger and housing.

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Economic Council Receives Grant for Lemay Community Center



The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has awarded a \$475,000 grant to the St. Louis County Economic Council for the planning and design of the new Lemay community center in south St. Louis County. U.S. Senator Christopher “Kit” Bond secured the funds as part of HUD’s Economic Development Initiative awards program in the

2009 omnibus appropriations bill. [Read more...](#)

\$1M Donation to Drury University for Animal Rights Professorship

Bob Barker, former host of “The Price is Right” television show, has made a \$1 million donation to Drury University in Springfield to create the Dorothy Jo Barker Endowed Professorship of Animal Rights. This marks the second \$1 million donation Barker has made to his alma mater, with the first being utilized to develop an undergraduate course on animal ethics. [Read](#)

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Registration Now Open for IEDC Leadership Summit



The International Economic Development Council’s (IEDC) 2010 Leadership Summit offers leaders of the economic development profession a chance to join together to analyze, review and discuss the trends impacting their profession. This year’s Summit, “Shifting Gears: Economic Engines of the Future,” aims to help leaders in the economic development profession prepare for a

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transforming economy. The summit will be held January 31 – February 2, 2010 at the Woodlands Resort and Conference Center, Houston, Tex. metro area. Early registration deadline is November 20. [Read more...](#)

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Governor's Conference Handout Materials Now Available



Many workshops at this year's Governor's Conference on Economic Development, which was held in St. Louis, Sept. 9-11, included handout materials. If you would like to access the session handouts, they are now posted on the Governor's Conference Web page. Under "Workshops," find the specific session, then click on the link below the workshop description. Not all sessions provided handouts, and you may want to check back regularly for additional postings. [Governor's Conference Session Handouts...](#)

Missouri's Largest Wind Farm Receives Financing

Tom Carnahan, President of Wind Capital Group, announced last week that the firm has closed on \$240 million in financing for the largest wind energy development in Missouri. The Lost Creek Wind Project in DeKalb County is expected to cost more than \$300 million and create more than 2,500 jobs. Wind Capital is also receiving a \$90 million federal stimulus grant for the project. [Read more...](#)



2010 Missouri Arts Awards Recipients Selected



The Missouri Arts Council (MAC) has announced its selection of 2010 Arts Awards recipients, presented to individuals and organizations that have made profound and lasting contributions to the cultural and artistic climate of the state. [Read more...](#)



Recessionary Employment Effects on Gender and Age Released



A new release from the U.S. Census Local Employment Dynamics (LED) program examines the changes in employment by gender, industry, and age since the start of the recession in the fourth quarter of 2007 to the fourth quarter of 2008. [Read more...](#)

Small Businesses are Important Players in Missouri Business and Job Growth

The Small Business Administration's Office of Advocacy recently released the Small Business Profile for Missouri, providing details about small business employment; business starts and closings; bank lending in 2008; business ownership by minorities, women, and veterans; and firm and employment change by major industry and firm size. [Read more...](#)



DED Awards \$1.3M in Brownfield Redevelopment Tax Credits to Organization in



Gov. Nixon Launches Technology Education
Gov. Jay Nixon this week announced Missouri's



Jack Henry Acquiring Pemco Technologies
Banking software provider Jack Henry & Associates in

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DREAM Community Mexico

Mid America Brick and Structural Products, LLC, Mexico, has been approved for up to \$1,379,477 in remediation tax credits through the Brownfield Redevelopment Program for the redevelopment of the former A.P. Green site. The remediation tax credits will facilitate the re-commissioning and repurposing of face brick for the residential and commercial construction markets. [Read more...](#)

Montgomery City Awarded \$116,640 CDBG for Demolition Project

The Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED) has announced that Montgomery City has been approved for a \$116,640 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for a demolition project that will remove 14 dilapidated, vacant structures. The city will grade and seed the lots. [Read more...](#)

Rockaway Beach Awarded \$500,000 CDBG for Water System Improvement Project

The city of Rockaway Beach has been approved for a \$500,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) from the Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED) for a water system improvement project. [Read more...](#)

DED awards \$198,089 in EEZ Tax Credits to Kansas City Business for Creation of 21 new jobs, \$6.7M New Investment

Posty Cards, Kansas City, has been approved for \$198,089 in Enhanced Enterprise Zone (EEZ) program state tax credits over a five-year period for

participation in the Microsoft *Elevate America* initiative that will provide free technology tutorials to thousands of Missourians. Through the innovative public-private partnership, Missouri will receive 24,750 vouchers for e-learning and certification, which can be accessed by going to the [state's Web site](#) and clicking on the *Elevate America* tab to complete a short application. The Department of Economic Development's [Division of Workforce Development](#) will administer the process. Tony Wilson, Microsoft Regional Vice President for Government Relations, said the initiative with Missouri "will play an important role in helping to rebuild the nation's economy." Gov. Nixon, who announced the program from Missouri Career Centers in St Louis and Springfield, said the program will "help our citizens compete in the 21st-century economy." [Read more...](#)

Report Tracks Efforts to Train Missouri Workers

Last week, the Division of Workforce Development (DWD) began distribution of a report on the accomplishments of the Department of Economic Development's (DED) [Customized Training Program](#). Financed by the Missouri Job Development Fund, the program helps eligible companies to create or to retain jobs for Missouri workers by assisting with funding for training services, provided by local education agencies. In Fiscal Year 2009, 243 companies and five training consortiums were approved for funding assistance to train 974

Monett will acquire Washington-based Pemco Technologies in order to strengthen its payment processing services to the credit union industry. Jack Henry CEO Jack Primm said in a news release, "This acquisition...expands our presence in the credit union space and enables us to broaden our reach outside our core client base." [Read more...](#)

Shapiro Brothers Expand, Relocate in Moberly

Scrap metal processing company Shapiro Brothers Incorporated will expand its business, creating 10 new jobs, and relocate to a new facility in Moberly. The project includes the construction of a rail spur, which will be available for use by other companies and organizations in the community. [Read more...](#)

St. Charles EDC Awards Scholarships, Graduates Business from Incubator

Entrepreneurial scholarships worth \$5,000 were recently awarded to three new companies in the small business incubator operated by the Economic Development Center (EDC) of St. Charles County. EDC officials also announced one new graduate from the program - Keller Williams Realty West, a local branch of the nation's third largest real estate company. [Read more...](#)

SBA Proposes Revision of Size Standards to Expand Opportunities for Small Businesses

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is proposing increases in the size definitions for three broad commercial sectors. The proposed increases cover size standards for 71

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the creation of 21 new jobs and new investment of \$6.7 million for the expansion facility at 1600 Olive Street, Kansas City. The business operations at the project facility will be a manufacturing facility. [Read more...](#)

workers in new jobs and retrain 31,494 current workers at an average wage of \$19.50. Since the program's inception in 1987, the Missouri Job Development Fund has assisted 3,968 Missouri companies to train 456,583 Missouri workers. For more information, e-mail [DWD's Customized Training Unit](#) or call (800)-877-8698.

different types of businesses, two-thirds of them in retail trade sectors. The rest are in accommodations and food services, and other services. The changes, if adopted, will expand eligibility to small businesses and help them gain access to SBA's financial assistance, contracting and other programs. [Read more...](#)

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GLOBAL NEWS

Peabody Joins U.S. - China Energy Partnership

Peabody

St. Louis-based Peabody Energy has become a founding member of a public-private partnership of Fortune 500 companies that are looking to develop clean energy projects in China. The Energy Cooperation Program between the U.S. and China includes 21 founding members seeking to advance coal-based power generation with carbon capture and storage, smart power grid development and clean transportation, including electric cars. [Read more...](#)

Major Economic Indicators Give Hope for Recovery

Hopes for economic recovery got a boost this week from three economic indicators with better-than-expected news on manufacturing, construction and contracts to buy homes. U.S. manufacturing activity grew in October at the fastest pace in more than three years, construction spending rose in September on the strength of home building, and the number of signed contracts to buy previously occupied homes rose for the eighth straight month in September. [Read more...](#)



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