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## MISSOURI COMMUNITY NEWS

### Gov. Nixon Kicks off \$266M Initiative to Speed Creation of Construction Jobs on Infrastructure Projects



Gov. Jay Nixon visited construction sites in Liberty and Springfield last week to announce the "Work Now" initiative, which commits more than \$260 million in federal and state funds to wastewater and drinking water construction projects in communities across Missouri. "Wastewater and drinking

water projects are critical to maintaining our public infrastructure, but are also vital to getting construction workers and skilled tradesmen back to work right away," Gov. Nixon said. (Photo courtesy of Governor's office) [Read more...](#)

### Republic Celebrates Growth, McLane Groundbreaking

Republic city officials recently held the town's annual "familiarization of the area" meeting to celebrate economic development activities and the groundbreaking ceremony for grocery distributor McLane Co. Inc. The Texas-based supply-chain services company plans to bring a 450,000-square-foot distribution center and 400 new jobs to the area. [Read more...](#)



### Silver Dollar City Plans Yearlong 50th Anniversary Celebration



Silver Dollar City recently unveiled its plans for a yearlong celebration commemorating the Branson theme park's 50th anniversary. The new \$7 million "Tom and Huck's RiverBlast" water-raft ride will debut as part of the festivities, along with \$50,000 in prize giveaways throughout the season. The Herschend family opened Silver Dollar City in 1960, and more than 65 million guests have visited the park since its opening. [Read more...](#)

## FOCUS ON MISSOURI

### State of Missouri wins \$1.2M Competitive Federal Grant for Green Jobs Training Information



The state of Missouri, through the Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED), has been awarded an American Recovery and Reinvestment Act grant for \$1,227,192 in the area of "green" jobs training. DED's key partners in receiving the State Labor Market Information Improvement Grant are the Missouri Economic Research and Information Center (MERIC), Regional Workforce Investment Boards, the State Workforce Investment Board, and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. [Read more...](#)

**Molasky Group to Build NARA Facility in St. Louis County, Retains 800 Jobs**  
Reported to be one of the most complex projects in St.

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#### Missouri Partnership Marketing Events

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[DED Webinar - LocationOne](#)

December 2, 2009

[U.S. Commerce Service Webinar: "Protecting Your Intellectual Property Rights"](#)

January 31 - February 2, 2010

[IEDC Leadership Summit](#)

February 8 - 9, 2010

[MEDC Winter Conference](#)  
Capitol Plaza,  
Jefferson City

March 24 - 25, 2010

[InvestMidwest](#)

April 19 - 21, 2010

[4th Annual Maastricht Institute of Entrepreneurship](#)

July 25 - 29, 2010

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

Louis County history, the \$100 million new high-performance facility for the National Archives and Records Administration's (NARA) National Personnel Records Center is just months away from the start of construction, retaining nearly 800 jobs. The first phase of the project is scheduled for completion by May 2011. [Read more...](#)



**Missouri Development Finance Board Approves \$2M in Bonds for Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica Expansion, Creating 124 New Jobs**



The Missouri Development Finance Board this week unanimously approved \$2.1 million in expansion financing for Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica Inc., a Saint Joseph-based animal health company. The financing came through

Missouri BUILD bonds, which the board is expected to issue at its December meeting. [Read more...](#)

**DED Releases October 2009 State Jobs Report**

Missouri's seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate fell in October, while the national rate rose four-tenths of one point, according to data released today by the Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED). This marks the second month in 2009 during which Missouri's total employment number increased. [Read more...](#)



**St. Louis and Southeast Regional Pattern Analysis Released**



MERIC has released the next in the series of regional reports that use industry trends, concentrations, and individual firm data to summarize core clusters and spot strengths in different regions of the state. This business pattern analysis can aid in the design of effective economic development initiatives by highlighting the strengths and linkages of area industries.

[Read more...](#)

**Thanksgiving Facts to Gobble Up**

Since the Plymouth settlers first celebrated in 1621, Thanksgiving has been a time for gathering with friends and family, giving thanks, and of course – eating! Did you know that Missouri ranks fourth in turkey production in the United States, with an estimated 21 million birds raised this year? This is just one of the facts MERIC has compiled to nibble on to commemorate this holiday. [Read more...](#)



**DED Awards \$75,000 in Neighborhood Assistance Program Tax Credits to Salvation Army's Job Training Program**  
The Salvation Army, St. Louis, will utilize \$75,000 in Neighborhood Assistance Program tax credits



**Southwest Workforce Leader Talks Careers at Green Economy Conference**  
The Four States Technology Conference, held Nov.12-13 at Pittsburg State University, showcased information and



**Crop Production Services Dedicates New Warehouse in New Madrid County**  
Gov. Jay Nixon recently helped dedicate a new warehouse facility at the New Madrid County Port that will provide an

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**DED PRESS RELEASES**

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approved by the Missouri Department of Economic Development for a service campaign that will provide funding for its job training program for men at the Salvation Army's Harbor Light Center in the city of St. Louis and the Emergency Shelter in O'Fallon. [Read more...](#)

### **DED Awards \$350,000 in Neighborhood Assistance Program Tax Credits to El Dorado Springs Non-profit Organization**

El Do Youth Center, El Dorado Springs, has been approved for \$350,000 in Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP) tax credits that will be utilized to renovate a 4,000-square-foot historic structure and construct a 7,200-square-foot addition that will be used as a youth center. The services provided at this facility will include organized weekend programs for middle school students, an afterschool latch key program and basic computer classes. [Read more...](#)

### **Missouri Energy-rebate Program Eases Load on Consumers**

Missouri homeowners who take part in a rebate program for increasing their homes' energy efficiency now don't have to pay a dime for as much as \$1,200 worth of improvements. The Metropolitan Energy Center, Kansas City Power & Light Co. and Missouri Gas Energy have changed the program, started a couple of months ago and called Home Performance with Energy Star, to allow payments to go directly to contractors that do the work. This eliminates the need for participating

strategies on how Midwest educators can teach technology education, specifically green initiatives. Southwest Missouri Workforce Investment Board Director Jasen Jones presented at the conference on the impact of green jobs in regional economic development strategies. "Green literacy is something that is important and we are starting to steer more and more customers to that direction in terms of what their career options may look like," said Jones in an interview about the conference. [Read more...](#)

### **O'Fallon Business Thankful for Next-Gen Jobs Team**

While Gov. Nixon's successful Next-Generation Jobs Team summer youth program concluded on Sept. 30, compliments about the program continue to come in. Recently, Kelsey Kaltenback with O'Fallon clothing retailer Consign By Design wrote St. Charles Business Representative Shelia Williams to express her gratitude for the program: "As a small business owner, I have to tell you what an asset this has been to me. [The NGJT youth intern] has been wonderful! She is learning the trade, as well as improving in customer relations. We have a very good working relationship and I am thrilled to have her helping me build my business. Thank you for this program!"

economic boost to agriculture, transportation and other industries in southeast Missouri. Crop Production Services' new fertilizer warehouse can hold 51,000 tons (the equivalent of 2,040 truckloads, or 34 barges) of dry fertilizer. [Read more...](#)

### **Kokam America Bought by Dow Kokam**

Advanced battery maker Kokam America has been purchased by a joint venture, Dow Kokam LLC, formed earlier this year with the Dow Chemical Co. Former Kokam CEO Don Nissanka said the deal will be a benefit to both the Kansas City area and in Michigan, where a new 800,000-square-foot plant is being built. "It creates a well-capitalized company that has only growth ahead of it," Nissanka said. [Read more...](#)

### **Doe Run Donates \$150,000 to Missouri S&T**

The Missouri University of Science and Technology (MS&T) in Rolla has received a \$150,000 donation from the Doe Run Co. in St. Louis. Funds will be used to assist with the construction of a new building at an experimental mine site at MS&T. The project is the first of a series of massive updates planned for the mine site. [Read more...](#)

### **Covidien Drug Approved by FDA**

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has approved a new drug developed jointly by Covidien's Mallinckrodt Inc. subsidiary and Nuvo Research Inc. of Canada. Covidien plc operates Covidien Imaging Solutions and Pharmaceutical

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homeowners to pay for the work and then receive rebate credits. [Read more...](#)

Products, also known as Mallinckrodt Inc., with 3,000 employees located in the St. Louis area. [Read more...](#)

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## GLOBAL NEWS

### Missouri Among 11 States Emerging from Recession



As the national economy starts its slow recovery, 11 states and the District of Columbia are showing signs of emerging from the recession, according to a new report published by [Moody's Economy.com](#), an economic forecasting firm. The report determines where a state is in the recession based on employment rates, home prices, residential construction and manufacturing production figures. Some or all of these indicators were stable or improving in Missouri and ten other states. [Read more...](#)

### Exporting Webinar - Protecting Your Intellectual Property Rights

The U.S. Commercial Service is offering a series of webinars on exporting. Protecting your ideas, brands, inventions, and business methods in international markets is an important consideration before you make that first sale. This webinar provides the legal and practical framework for insuring your rights. Register [here](#) for "Protecting Your Intellectual Property Rights," to be presented Dec. 2 from 2-3 p.m.



### Boeing Awarded \$13.7M Finnish Air Force Contract



Boeing Co.'s Integrated Defense Systems has been awarded a \$13.7 million order from the Finnish Air Force for two F/A-18C/D aircraft upgrade kits. The work will be performed in St. Louis and should be completed in September 2011. [Read more...](#)

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