



Weekly News Round-up

In an effort to provide the most accurate and timely information to our friends and partners in the Delta region, we are introducing a weekly news update in addition to the monthly newsletter. If you have any feedback on this new service, please feel free to let us know at news@dra.gov.



EDA Administrator tours Delta region, DRA projects

Delta Regional Authority Federal Co-Chairman Christopher Masingill hosted U.S. Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development Jay Williams on a tour of DRA-funded projects in the region on August 14 and 15. The group scouted sites in Missouri, Arkansas and Mississippi, and participated in a roundtable discussion on innovation and entrepreneurship at the Arkansas Regional Innovation Hub in Little Rock, Ark.

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Arkansas Workforce Summit highlights opportunities, plans for advancing state workforce

Arkansas legislators, candidates, educators, economic developers and community leaders met August 13 for the Reimagining the Delta Workforce: Arkansas summit. Each state's convening is different,

Upcoming Events:

Register or Apply Today

Deadline: August 25

Missouri Workforce Summit

Registration open for Reimagining the Delta Workforce: Missouri | Three Rivers College, Poplar Bluff

Deadline: September 2

Application Webinar: Workforce Development Capacity Building & Technical Assistance Fund

Join DRA staff for a review of the Notice of Funding Availability for DRA's recently-announced workforce development funding program.

Deadline: September 8

Mississippi Workforce Summit

Registration open for Reimagining the Delta Workforce: Mississippi | Coahoma Community College, Clarksdale

Deadline: September 18

Louisiana Workforce Summit

Registration open for Reimagining the Delta Workforce: Louisiana | Nicholls State University, Thibodaux

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reflecting the state's unique workforce development system's challenges and successes. In Pine Bluff, both gubernatorial candidates offered their plans for tackling the challenge and working with state leaders.

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White House Chart of the Week: Job Openings Hit a New High

Just last month, our private sector added jobs for the 53rd straight month, the longest streak on record. In total, American businesses have added 9.9 million jobs since early 2010. Last week, we saw another sign of progress, as the number of available jobs rose to the highest level in more than 13 years. American business owners advertised 4.67 million jobs in June, the highest number of openings since February 2001.

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Workforce summit in Northwest Tennessee focuses on past successes, future opportunities

The DRA's second Reimagining the Delta Workforce summit explored the best practices of some of Tennessee's most promising workforce development programs in the state. Economic developers, educators and community leaders

Announcements From Our Partners:

[Join SBA Administrator Maria Contreras-Sweet for a Live Hangout in the Google Small Business Community August 27](#)

[USDA Seeks Applications for Grants under the Rural Community Development Initiative](#)

[SEMO Institute for Regional Innovation and Entrepreneurship hosts REAL14-Regional Entrepreneurs and Leaders Conference September 22-23](#)

from around the state convened at Dyersburg State Community College on August 11 to review the results and findings of DRA's Reimagining Workforce Development report and discuss how to include report strategies in the state's growing workforce strategy.

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