



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.



Governor Bentley joins DRA, Community Leaders for Conversation on the Delta Workforce

More than 75 leaders from business & industry, community colleges, school boards, local, state, and federal government, and small business gathered for *Reimagining the Delta Workforce: A Summit on Workforce Development in Alabama*. Chairman Marshall and Jim Byard, Governor Bentley's DRA Board Designee released the Notice of Funding Availability for its Technical Assistance and Capacity Building Funding Program. To learn more, see the press release or visit <http://www.dra.gov/initiatives/delta-workforce.aspx>

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CSPAN's Washington Journal hosts Chairman Masingill to talk Delta Region

Last Thursday, CSPAN's Washington

Upcoming Events:

Register or Apply Today

Deadline: July 31st Positioning, Planning, & Profiting for Small Businesses

MMBC Continuum is hosting Session II for minority and women-owned small businesses | Cape Girardeau, MO

Deadline: August 11th Tennessee Workforce Summit

Registration open for *Reimagining the Delta Workforce: Tennessee* | Dyersburg State Community College

Deadline: August 13th Arkansas Workforce Summit

Registration open for *Reimagining the Delta Workforce: Arkansas* | University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff

Deadline: August 15th Crossroads Coalition seeks new Executive Director | East Arkansas

Deadline: August 18th Made in Rural America Regional Export and International Investment Forum

Register for this joint partnership forum between the Delta Regional Authority and the Appalachian

Journal host Greta Brawner spoke with DRA Chairman Chris Masingill on the challenges and opportunities for economic growth in the Delta Region.

[Watch the segment here >](#)



White House Rural Council hosts first-ever Rural Opportunity Investment Forum, announces \$10 billion investment in infrastructure

As part of the White House's Made in Rural America Initiative, Chairman Masingill and rural leaders from across the country gathered in Washington to discuss strategies and federal resources available to rural communities to improve infrastructure, workforce, and business opportunities. Additionally, CoBank has committed \$10 billion towards the newly-created U.S. Rural Infrastructure Opportunity Fund.

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Purchase Area Development District wins NADO Innovation Award for DRA Partnership

The National Association of Development Organizations recognized Purchase Area Development District in Western Kentucky with a 2014 Innovation Award for its partnership with the Delta Regional Authority, U.S. Army Reserve, and the City of Mayfield for the Innovative Readiness Training (IRT) Four-State Medical Mission. During the eight-day mission, which

Regional Commission |
Birmingham, AL

Deadline: August 21st Illinois Workforce Summit

Registration open for Reimagining the Delta Workforce: Illinois | John A. Logan College

*Reception on August 20th.

Deadline: August 25th Missouri Workforce Summit

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

**If you have an event that you would like featured in our Upcoming Events section, send event information to news@dra.gov*

Announcements From Our Partners:

USDA Announces Grants to Help Veterans and Minority Farmers Get Started in Agriculture

SBA-sponsored Affordable Care Act 101 Webinars continue this week

USDA-RD Tennessee Announces \$2.8 Million in Renewable Energy & Energy Efficiency Grants | Applications can be filed any time

occurred in August 2013, 937
individuals received free medical care.

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