



Weekly News Round-up

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Reimagining the Delta Workforce Kentucky highlights important partnerships

Lake Barkley State Resort Park was the site for the Kentucky installment of the Reimagining the Delta Workforce summit series. Kentucky Workforce Investment Commissioner Beth Brinly emphasized the importance of partnerships between the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet and the numerous stakeholders that rely on and support Kentucky having a skilled workforce. Tony Wilder, commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Local Government, joined the presidents and representatives of three Kentucky community colleges and Murray State University for the day-long event to explore the state's opportunities to strengthen its workforce pipeline.

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Rayville, LA hospital launches new telecommunications

Upcoming Events:

Register or Apply Today

October 23

Meet the Lenders - Arkansas

Jonesboro, AR

Bringing small business owners and entrepreneurs to meet one-on-one with loan officers from SBA participating lenders.

Register by October 24

Lean Startup: LaunchPad by Southeast Economic Development Fund (SEED\$)

Park Hills, MO | November 4-February 3 | 6:00-8:00pm

LaunchPad is the premier training program offered by Paradi.me Founders Academy. This 12-week course is ideal for you if you have a passion to start a business or enhance an existing one.

October 29

Reimagining the Delta Workforce Summit - Illinois

John A. Logan College

Carterville, IL | 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

October 30

Reimagining the Delta Workforce Application Webinar

3:00pm - 4:00pm

Reimagining the Delta Workforce Capacity Building and Technical Assistance Fund



system for increased efficiency

With the support of a SEDAP investment from DRA, the Richardson Medical Center in Rayville, LA, launched on Monday a state-of-the-art telecommunications system to support increased efficiency and productivity for health care provision. The new system will allow Richland Parish health professionals with the technology to more closely monitor patients with chronic conditions as well as maintain training in their specialties.



Louisiana forecast to gain 66,700 jobs through 2016

Work on \$103 billion in industrial development and expansion is the primary factor in Louisiana's expected job growth of 66,700 over the next two years, LSU economists reported Wednesday in Baton Rouge.

The Baton Rouge and New Orleans areas can expect the largest job gains for 2015-16.

"Louisiana is in the midst of an industrial boom unlike any other in our history, with over \$100 billion in industrial projects either under construction or at the front-end engineering and design phase," economists Loren C. Scott and James A. Richardson said in their annual two-year forecast.

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October 30

Positioning, Planning & Profiting: M/WBE Business Growth Seminar

Monroe, LA | 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Informative seminar that introduces existing business owners and aspiring entrepreneurs to local dynamics that impact business growth locally.

November 3

Application Deadline: Delta Community Capital Initiative

HUD/USDA/CDFI program providing direct investment and technical assistance to community development lending and investing institutions.

November 6

C-3 - Connecting Consumers to Coverage Best Practices Symposium

Memphis, TN | 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Participants will hear varied perspectives from thought leaders and experts on the Healthcare Marketplace.

November 10

EXTENDED DEADLINE

Applications due for DRA's Reimagining the Delta Workforce Capacity Building and Technical Assistance Fund

November 21

Application Deadline: Promise Zones Round 2

Communities selected will receive direct support from federal government agencies to help the Promise Zones access the resources and expertise to help communities thrive.

**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:



Call for Nominations for 2015 National Small Business Week Awards

Are you or do you know a small business owner with an amazing success story to tell? If so, submit your nomination today for the 2015 National Small Business Week Awards. Nominations are currently being accepted online at awards.sba.gov.

For more than 50 years, SBA has recognized the outstanding achievements of America's small businesses for their contributions in their local communities, and to our nation's economy. Winners will be announced during National Small Business Week in May 2015.

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SBA Celebrates Women in Small Business in October

Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses program accepting applications for entrepreneurial support program | Deadline October 27

USDA Seeks Applications for Grants under the Rural Community Development Initiative | Application Deadline November 12

HUD, USDA open applications for second round of Promise Zones designations | Application Deadline November 21



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