



Weekly News Round-up

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Mississippi Governor Headlines Reimagining the Delta Workforce Summit in Clarksdale

Mississippi Governor Phil Bryant addressed an audience of more than 100 of the state's economic developers, educators and community leaders at Delta Regional Authority's *Reimagining the Delta Workforce* summit in Clarksdale on Monday. The convening, held at Coahoma Community College, was well attended by the state's business, academic, and legislative leadership, including Mississippi State Representative Chuck Espy and Mississippi Manufacturers Association CEO and President Jay Moon.

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Delta Leadership Institute holds final session of 2013-2014 Academy

The Delta Leadership Institute Executive Academy hosted public

Upcoming Events:

Register or Apply Today

September 10-11, 2014

DRA Quarterly Board Meeting

9/10 | 2-3pm | LR Marriott

9/11 | 8-10am | AR State Capitol

September 11, 2014

Delta Leadership Institute Graduation

10am | Arkansas State Capitol Rotunda

September 18

Louisiana Workforce Summit

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

September 30

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.

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Announcements From

health professionals and economic leaders to discuss with academy fellows the current health challenges and opportunities for Delta communities. This week's session is the seventh and final meeting of the 2013-2014 Academy. More than 50 community leaders will graduate from the Academy during a graduation ceremony at the Arkansas State Capitol Rotunda on Thursday, September 11 at 10 a.m.

[See the session agenda here >](#)



EDA Announces \$2.75M Funding Available to Develop Infrastructure in Mississippi

U.S. Secretary of Commerce Penny Pritzker announced this week that the Department's Economic Development Administration (EDA) is awarding nearly \$2.75 million in funding for the cities of Houston and Cleveland, Mississippi. The funds are earmarked for critical infrastructure in the communities, and grantee estimates project these investments will directly benefit the manufacturing and tourism sectors, creating 187 jobs, save an existing 1,100 jobs, and generate \$14 million in private investment in the region.

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Our Partners:

USDA Announces More than \$518 Million to Modernize Service, Improve the Reliability of Rural Electric Systems

SEMO Institute for Regional Innovation and Entrepreneurship hosts REAL14-Regional Entrepreneurs and Leaders Conference | September 22-23

Webinar | Voices For Healthy Kids Initiative: Healthy Food Access, Healthy Communities | September 25

USDA Seeks Applications for Grants under the Rural Community Development Initiative | Application Deadline November 12, 2014



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