



## 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](mailto:news@dra.gov).



### MMBC Continuum Convenes Small Business and Entrepreneurs for Economic Development Forum

Delta Regional Authority Federal Co-Chairman Chris Masingill joined a panel of experts in Memphis last week for the MMBC Continuum's Forum for Economic Development. The panel was comprised of the presidents and CEOs of businesses from the region as well as Albert Shen, Deputy Director of the US Minority Business Development Agency, sharing their experiences building public and private partnerships to act as catalysts for economic development within communities. MMBC Continuum is a partner in DRA's Small Business & Entrepreneurship Initiative and key advisor on minority-owned business.

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### DRA kicks off series of webinars for Workforce

### Upcoming Events:

*Register or Apply Today*

#### September 8

##### **Mississippi Workforce Summit**

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

#### September 10-11

##### **Quarterly Board Meeting**

Little Rock Marriott | Open to the Public. For more information, contact Terri Hollingsworth at [thollingsworth@dra.gov](mailto:thollingsworth@dra.gov).

#### September 11

##### **Delta Leadership Institute Graduation**

Arkansas State Capitol | Little Rock 11:00 am

#### 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



## Development funding program

The DRA held the first in a series of webinars detailing a \$1.7M funding opportunity for capacity building and technical assistance for communities to build links between education centers, job-ready skills and job creators into regional workforce pipelines. Questions and answers from the webinar addressing the funding program will be posted on the DRA's workforce page. The next webinar will be held on September 30, 2014.

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DRA's recently-announced workforce development funding program.

*\*If you have an event that you would like featured in our Upcoming Events section, send event information to [news@dra.gov](mailto:news@dra.gov)*

## Announcements From Our Partners:

**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**



## DRA Now on Storify

Storify is an up-and-coming social network platform designed to allow organizations to tell their story with the inclusion of newspaper articles and broadcast reports. The Delta Regional Authority recently joined this rapidly growing community to ensure that our stakeholders are able to follow our initiatives and the press generated by them. Follow us for the Delta story.

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