



Reimagining the Delta Workforce: Missouri



Three Rivers Community College - Tinnin Fine Arts Center
 2080 Three Rivers Boulevard
 Poplar Bluff, MO 63901

Registration

8:00 am to 9:00 am	Registration and continental breakfast
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Workforce Summit Agenda

9:00 am to 9:15 am	<p>Welcome</p> <p>Assembling leaders in business and industry, education, and local and state governments, this summit will use the report <i>Future of the South: Reimagining Workforce Development</i> as the framework for the day’s discussion.</p> <p>Panels will address the Challenges, needs, and opportunities to strengthen our region’s workforce systems into an effective workforce pipeline of trained and skilled workers. This summit is about job creation, education, and economic development for the Delta Region.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alt. Federal Co-Chairman Mike Marshall, Delta Regional Authority • Governor Nixon (invited) or DRA Designee Bill Ransdall • Dr. Wesley Payne, Interim President Three Rivers Community College
9:15 am to 10:15 am	<p>Snapshot of Missouri Demographics</p> <p>Dr. James H. Johnson Jr., Professor of strategy and entrepreneurship and Director of the Urban Investment Strategies Center</p>
10:15 am to 11:45 am	<p>Reimagining the WorkForce Development Report</p> <p>A report sponsored and supported by DRA and compiled by the Southern Growth Policies Board</p> <p>Presentation of Report Findings.....Ted Abernathy, Economic Leadership LLC, Co-Arthur Reimagining Workforce Development</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reimagine Readiness 2. Reengage Adult Learners and Disconnected Youth 3. Realignment Relationships and Resources 4. Listening to the South
12:00 pm to 1:15 pm	<p>Lunch/ Business Industry Roundtable</p> <p>A roundtable discussion centered around the needs of business & industry and the challenges they face in retaining and recruiting skilled workers.</p>

	<p>Topics include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Finding solutions for manufacturer’s emerging workforce needs 2. The role of business and industry in developing a skilled workforce 3. Career paths, credentials, curriculum and training that works vs. those that do not 4. Industry recommendations for workforce training <p>Moderator: Steve Halter, President, Greater Poplar Bluff Area Chamber of Commerce</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Michelle Shelton, Human Resources, Briggs & Stratton 2. Rachel Cravens, Human Resources, Mid Continent Nail 3. Janet McNece, Owner of Productive Staffing
1:15 pm to 1:30 pm	Break
1:30 pm to 2:00 pm	<p>Missouri Today</p> <p>Melissa Woltkamp, Manager, Special Projects, Missouri Division of Workforce Development</p> <p>“State of the Workforce”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The National Career Readiness Certificate, what has been the impact to the State? • A Quality Workforce, how are the goals being achieved?
2:00 pm to 3:00 pm	<p>The Educational and Career Training Stakeholder Perspective</p> <p>What is the role, focus, and responsibility of our state’s educational institutions and stakeholders when building a workforce development system?</p> <p>What is the future of their partnership in trying to address current and future workforce needs?</p> <p>Where do the educational activities align and what are the opportunities for greater collaboration between education, economic development, and business and industry?</p> <p>Moderator: Missy Marshall, Director, Center at Sikeston</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rich Payne, Director, Cape Girardeau Career and Technical Center • Dr. Brenda Russell, Director, Workforce Three Rivers Community College • Christy Mershon, Assistant Director of Extended & Continuing Education, Southeast Missouri State University
3:00 pm to 3:15pm	Wrap-up and Evaluations