Delta Regional Authority 101

ABOUT
The Delta Regional Authority (DRA) works to improve regional economic opportunity by helping to create jobs, build communities, and improve lives for the 10 million people who reside in the 252 counties and parishes of the eight-state Delta region. Led by the Delta Regional Authority Board -- comprised of the Federal Co-Chairman, appointed by the President and confirmed by the U.S. Senate, and the governors of the eight states -- DRA fosters local and regional partnerships that address economic and social challenges to ultimately strengthen the Delta economy and the quality of life for Delta residents.

DRA REGION
Per federal statute, DRA’s region includes 252 counties and parishes across eight states, collectively designated the Mississippi River Delta and Alabama Black Belt regions.

Participating states include:
- Alabama
- Arkansas
- Illinois
- Kentucky
- Louisiana
- Mississippi
- Missouri
- Tennessee

FUNDING PRIORITIES
- Basic Public Infrastructure
- Transportation Infrastructure
- Business Development & Entrepreneurship
- Workforce Development

Determination of a Distressed County/Parish:
Unemployment rate of one percent higher (6.7 percent) than the national average (5.7 percent) for the most recent 24-month period, or have a per capita income of 80 percent or less of the national per capita income.
Delta Regional Authority 101

Board of Governors

ALABAMA
Governor Kay Ivey
DESIGNNEES/ALTERNATES:
Designee - Kenneth Boswell
kenneth.boswell@adeca.alabama.gov
(334) 242-5090
Alternate - Crystal Talley
crystal.talley@adeca.alabama.gov
(334) 353-2630

ARKANSAS
Governor Asa Hutchinson
Illinois
Designee - Brandi Bradley
bnbradley2012@gmail.com
(618) 889-3510
KENTUCKY
Governor J.B. Pritzker
LOUISIANA
Governor Andy Beshear
MISSISSIPPI
Governor Mike Parson
MISSOURI
Governor Bill Lee

Kentucky
Designee - Dennis Keene
dennis.keene@ky.gov
(502) 573-2382
MISSISSIPPI
Designee - Anne Hall
annehall.bashier@gov.reeves.ms.gov
(601) 359-3150

Missouri
Designee - Luke Holtschneider
luke.holtschneider@ded.mo.gov
(573) 751-4999
TENNESSEE
Designee - Brooxie Carlton
brooxie.carlton@tn.gov
(615) 741-8806
Alternate - Brian Kelsey
brian.kelsey@capitol.tn.gov
(615) 741-3036

FEDERAL PROGRAMS
- States’ Economic Development Assistance Program (SEDAP)
- Community Infrastructure Fund (CIF)
- Public Works & Economic Adjustment Assistance Program (PWEAA)
- Delta Doctors
- Innovative Readiness Training (IRT)
- Rural Communities Advancement Program (RCAP)
  - Delta Leadership Institute (DLI)
  - Delta Workforce Program
  - Rural Community Development Program
  - USDA-Rural Development State Director Partnership
- Delta Region Community Health Systems Development Technical Assistance Program