



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.



Southeast Missourian: Delta Regional chief seeks to revamp job training

“What these businesses need are experienced workers who are knowledgeable in their fields, willing to expanding what they know and add credentials to their resume. Masingill said what people could do with a high school degree 20 years ago, they couldn't do now. What people are looking for is a career-readiness certificate. The certificate allows employers to hire workers quickly and continue training them as their job and the economy changes.”

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MMBC Continuum hosts Economic Development Forum in Memphis: Join us!

DRA partner organization Mid-South Minority Business Council Continuum is hosting its annual Economic Development Forum this

Upcoming Events:

Register or Apply Today

Deadline: September 2 **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.

Deadline: September 8 **Mississippi Workforce Summit** Registration open for Reimagining the Delta Workforce: Mississippi | Coahoma Community College, Clarksdale

September 10-11 **Quarterly Board Meeting** The DRA Board of Governors and Staff will hold the Q3 Board Meeting in Little Rock, AR, to review and vote on administration and operations issues as well as programs and policy initiatives. Open to the public.

September 11 **Delta Leadership Institute Graduation** Arkansas State Capitol | Little Rock 11:00 am

Deadline: September 18

week at Memphis' Cook Convention Center. The event will connect business leaders, regional stakeholders, national thought leaders, and more than 150 exhibitors including minority and women-owned businesses working to drive economic growth in the Delta region. DRA has received complimentary tickets for its stakeholders. Register here: <https://2014edf.eventbrite.com>.

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Northeast Delta Human Services Authority continues health services beyond IRT

As a continuation of DOD IRT efforts, NE Delta HSA and Franklin Medical have made contact with and are poised to provide treatment to tens of additional people in rural Louisiana communities who would not otherwise have access or a continuity of behavioral healthcare. Of this group of clients, NE Delta HSA is assessing and treating those who may need more intensive behavioral health care than can be offered in a primary healthcare setting.

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Louisiana Workforce Summit

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

**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:

NewsMS: New Jobs Coming to Mississippi Delta

Join SBA Administrator Maria Contreras-Sweet for a Live Hangout in the Google Small Business Community | August 27

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

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



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