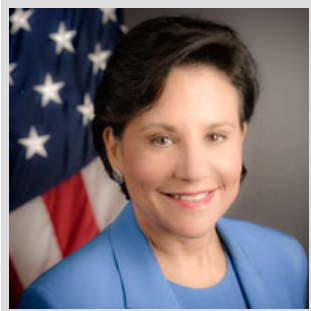




Weekly News Round-up

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.



Made in Rural America regional forum features Commerce Secretary Penny Pritzker, connects small businesses with resources to boost rural exports

The forum—to be held **Thursday, July 17 at Southwest Tennessee Community College**—will convene small business owners, industry representatives, business support organizations, and local, state and federal leaders to discuss ways to help rural businesses grow.

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Chairman Masingill, Governor Bryant unveil \$1.7 million for DRA Workforce Development Initiative and upcoming state workforce summits

In recognizing the importance of strengthening the Delta’s workforce, this new investment will focus on technical assistance and capacity

Upcoming Events:

Register or Apply Today

Deadline: July 15th

Local Foods, Local Places

Grant program offers \$650,000 for local food promotion through EPA, USDA, DOT, DRA, and ARC partnership.

Deadline: July 17th

Made in Rural America

Regional forum looking for small businesses, community leaders, financial institutions to join conversation on boosting rural exports.

Deadline: July 23rd

Alabama Workforce Summit

Registration open for Reimagining the Delta Workforce: A Summit on Workforce Development in Alabama | Chatom, AL

Deadline: July 31st

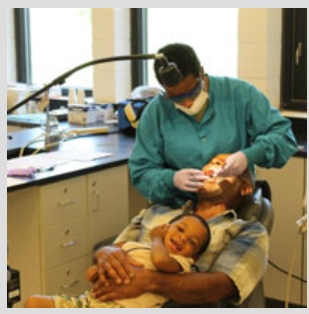
Delta Leadership Institute

Accepting applications for 2014-2015 Executive Academy

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building for communities to enhance our current workforce system into a coordinated workforce pipeline.

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Military reservists serve 3,000 with free medical, dental, optical in Southern Illinois

For the DRA's first Innovative Readiness Training mission of the summer, U.S. Army Reserve medical personnel held free health clinics in Cairo, Harrisburg, and Marion, Illinois. Over 12 days of service, the reservists provided 844 glasses, pulled 1838 teeth, and conducted 498 physical exams.

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Announcements From Our Partners:

Federal Reserve launches community development-focused resources portal - fedcommunities.org

Corporation for Enterprise Development looking for solution proposals to addressing financial challenges of low- and moderate-income microbusiness - Deadline July 25th



Chairman Masingill participates in Workforce Roundtable on Talk Business

Arkansas State Senator Jane English, Arkansas Department of Higher Education chief Shane Broadway, and Delta Regional Authority Federal Co-Chairman Chris Masingill discuss workforce education reform in Arkansas and the Delta region.

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