The DRA’s partnership with the U.S. Military-the Innovative Readiness Training program-has provided more than 50,000 Delta residents in eight states with medical, dental, and optical care at no charge to patients.
Having a healthy community and a healthy workforce is a key factor in the economic competitiveness of the Delta region. The healthcare industry is a vital part of the Delta’s economy, not only helping to increase health outcomes for the Delta people, but also providing a large portion of jobs for Delta workers.

Delta communities have great people and a workforce that is becoming more skilled and attractive. However, some of the health challenges Delta residents suffer from are holding communities back from reaching maximum economic opportunity and attracting business investment. Health outcomes in the Delta region are dangerously problematic when compared to national averages. With nearly 35% of adults in the Delta obese and 12.6% of adults suffering from diabetes, there is a direct need to improve the health of Delta residents and their access to quality health care.

Businesses recognize the importance of a healthy workforce and strong healthcare systems. In support of the Delta region’s workforce and communities, the Delta Regional Authority has and will continue to invest in the infrastructure, equipment, and physicians that support a quality healthcare system. Through the State’s Economic Development Assistance Program, partnerships with other federal agencies focused on health access, and our health-specific funding programs, DRA investments are helping to build a healthcare system that provides quality care, encourages preventative care, and is accessible to all Delta residents and communities.

DRA’s investments in healthcare help to create jobs, improve health outcomes, and increase productivity for the region’s workforce.

### Healthcare Investments 2002-2014

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<td>Total Number of Projects</td>
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<td>DRA Investment</td>
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<td>Individuals being Trained</td>
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### 2014 DRA Program Highlights

**Innovative Readiness Training** — in its fifth year of partnership, the DRA and U.S. Department of Defense held four medical missions in 11 communities in Arkansas, Illinois, and Louisiana. The missions, which provide medical, optical, and dental care at no cost to residents, provided more than $4 million in services. With 2014 missions, the partnership has impacted more than 50,000 Delta residents.

**Delta Doctors** — to address health disparities, decrease the high number of health professional shortage areas, and increase access to quality affordable care, the Delta Doctors program provides J-1 Visa Waivers for physicians trained in the U.S. to work in rural communities in the DRA region. The program has placed 346 physicians since its inception. In 2014 alone, 80 physicians were connected to opportunities in rural hospitals and clinics in the Delta.
### 2014 DRA Investments into Healthcare

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<td>Hospital Renovation (SEDAP)</td>
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<td>Digital Mammography Project (SEDAP)</td>
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<td>Specialized Medical Training for Emergency Care (SEDAP)</td>
<td>$49,900</td>
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<td>Development of new surgical unit and on-campus trauma safe room/educational programming area</td>
<td>$209,938</td>
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### 2002-2013 DRA Investments into Healthcare

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<td>Delta CARES Conference</td>
<td>$2,000,000</td>
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<td>Community Health and Wellness Initiative</td>
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### Software Modules

- **Department allowing MDAC to better serve patients**: DRA Investment = Total Project Cost | $205,320 |
- **Leveraged Public Investment**: $252,506
- **Total Project Cost**: $517,826

### Health as an Economic Engine (RCAP)

- **Collaborative Care Practices (SEDAP)**: DRA Investment = Total Project Cost | $35,000 |
- **Leveraged Public Investment**: $67,242
- **Total Project Cost**: $132,262

### Telemetry System (SEDAP)

- **DRA Investment**: $35,000
- **Leveraged Public Investment**: $67,242
- **Total Project Cost**: $102,285

### Cost of a Digital mammography machine.

- **DRA Investment**: $20,000
- **Leveraged Public Investment**: $100,000
- **Total Project Cost**: $120,000

### Expansion of a community health center.

- **DRA Investment**: $245,000
- **Leveraged Public Investment**: $350,000
- **Total Project Cost**: $595,000

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*DRA Investment = Total Project Cost*
Total Project Cost $586,729
Leveraged Public Investment $100,000
DRA Investment $486,729

Decaturville, TN (30)
Decatur County General Hospital - Electronic Medical Records (SEDAP)
Purchase of software and equipment that will complete the purchase of medical software/equipment and qualify $46,500 to receive $4.6 million in incentive funds from the National Healthcare Technology Initiative. *DRA Investment $229,286

Helena-West Helena, AR (35)
UAMS Health as an Economic Engine (RCAP)
A Delta diabetes education clinic. *DRA Investment $120,000

Dumas, AR (36)
Delta Tech Healthcare (SEDAP)
Creation of a ‘train-the-trainer’ program for healthcare professionals in six counties of southeastern Arkansas. *DRA Investment $175,000

Portland, AR (37)
Dermot Medical/Dental Facility (SEDAP)
A 12,000 square-foot facility located in Dermot and adjacent parking. *DRA Investment $366,748

MS - Regionwide
Delta Health Alliance Electronic Health Records (RCAP)
Design and implementation of a regional electronic health record system. *DRA Investment $500,000

AR - Southeast
HealthWorks Development Project (SEDAP)
The project is to complete a Delta Alliance for Health, an area-wide, planning and evaluation project, to develop and assist local hospitals, with training, education, and retention of the local healthcare workforce. *DRA Investment $189,694

Byhalia, MS (38)
Northeast Mississippi Health Care Expansion (SEDAP)
Construction and operating of a 3,000 square foot dental facility as part of its effort to make dental care more readily available to the uninsured, underserved populations of DeSoto, Marshall, and Tate counties. *DRA Investment $225,000

Clarksdale, MS (40)
Ambulatory Care Center (SEDAP)
Renovation and expansion of the Ambulatory Care Center to provide increased access to health care and supportive services for uninsured and underserved. *DRA Investment $361,250

Jackson, MS (41)
Healthy Mississippi Program (SEDAP)
Recruitment of Delta churches to participate in the Healthy Delta Initiative. Churches will work with community resources to provide a network of health help to those with chronic diseases and provide citizens with information on prevention. *DRA Investment $69,550

Prentiss, MS (45)
Prentiss Regional Healthplex (SEDAP)
Major renovation of an extended care facility. *DRA Investment $200,000

Liberty, MS (46)
Health Care Facility Construction (SEDAP)
Construction of a $110,000 square-foot facility to house the medical staff, administration offices, and pharmacy. *DRA Investment $200,000

Richland Parish, LA (50)
Jefferson Medical Center Telecommunications System (SEDAP)
Installation of a new telephone communications system for the Richmondson Medical Center. *DRA Investment $120,000

Tensas Parish, LA (51)
Tensas Parish Health Care Facility (SEDAP)
Construction and equipment for primary care and dental care and dental software and computers. *DRA Investment $60,000

St. Joseph, LA (52)
Tensas Community Health Center (SEDAP)
Equipment and transportation program to increase access to health care. *DRA Investment $129,696

Tensas Parish Health Unit (SEDAP)
Expansion of the Tensas Parish Health Unit to 2,400 square feet to provide better health care. *DRA Investment $150,000

Innis, LA (53)
Innis Community Health Center (SEDAP)
Purchase of a mobile dental unit to serve Pointe Coupee and northern Iberville parishes. *DRA Investment $100,000

Franklin, LA (54)
Pier Park Health Center Program (SEDAP)
Purchase and renovation of family medical facility to provide medical, dental, and medication assistance services. *DRA Investment $125,000

The Delta Regional Authority compiled the above investment figures and project descriptions from its database of past and present projects funded through the Federal Grant Program (2002-2010), States’ Economic Development Assistance Program (2007-2014), and Rural Community Assistance Program. For those projects that are active, investment and outcome totals represent the funding limits and expected outcomes agreed to between Delta Regional Authority and funding recipients.