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Announcements...

DOT Releases Strategic Plan

The [U.S. Department of Transportation](#) (DOT) has published a strategic plan to guide transportation, research, and development activities. The DOT Research, Development, and Technology (RD&T) Strategic Plan sets research priorities for the next five years (fiscal years 2017-2021). The plan includes information on the [University Transportation Centers](#) (UTC) Program. [Access the Strategic Plan here.](#)

APA – New Report on Regional Planning Trends

The [American Planning Association](#) released a new report; Emerging Trends in Regional Planning. The report discusses six trends in the field of Planning: regional planning for sustainability, integrated regional planning across related issues, inclusive engagement and expanded partnerships in regional planning, new approaches for implementation, changing demographics and changing regions, and new tools and techniques for regional planning. [Access the report here.](#)

Report on Rural Communities + Climate Change Risks

The [Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy](#) and the [Jefferson Center](#) hosted three “[Rural Climate Dialogues](#)” between 2014 and 2016. A report has been compiled and just released that showcases the issues discussed at the dialogues, and strategies for moving forward. “Rural communities face disproportionate risk from the direct impacts of a changing. Much of the activity to build a new climate-resilient economy will occur in rural areas, including through renewable energy generation, reinvigorated local and regional food economies, and changes to land use patterns.” Rural communities have been overlooked in the conversations on climate change, this report aims to address that. [Access the report here.](#)

Conferences and Events...

SMCOG Meetings

Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC), March 15, 9:00 AM, Library Station, 2325 N. Kansas, Springfield, MO
For more information, contact MeganClark@missouristate.edu

SMCOG Board Meeting, March 22, 9:00 AM, Library Station, 2325 N. Kansas, Springfield, MO
Please RSVP to JaneHood@missouristate.edu.

MOmentum: State of the Workforce Luncheon, February 15

The third annual MOmentum: State of the Workforce Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, February 15, 2017 at the Ramada Plaza Hotel & Convention Center. Registration and networking will be from 11a-11:30a and the luncheon will be from 11:30a until 1p. The results of the third annual regional survey will be announced by Mary Ann Rojas, Director of the City of Springfield's Department of Workforce Development. For more information, and to register, [click here.](#)

Webinar: Financing Small Municipal Water Systems, February 16

This FREE webinar is hosted by the [Environmental Finance Center Network](#) and the [American Water Works Association](#). Learn methods that can be used to budget for the future, address rate setting, financial management, and dept. budgets. “With increasing demand on utilities, population change, and the need for future repair, it is necessary to look beyond the short term financial planning and look towards financing the future.” Feb 16, from 12p – 1p CST. [Register online here.](#)

Census Transportation Planning Products Training, February 23-24

The Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) is hoping a CTPP training aimed at data users at MPOs, RPCs, State agencies, and for practitioners who will be using, or who are involved in analyses that use the Census data. It is appropriate for consultants and students as well. This free training will be held in Jefferson City, MO. For more information contact [Alex Rottenberry](#) or register [online.](#)

How to Start a Business in Missouri Seminar, March 2

The Small Business & Technology Development Center hosts regular training seminars to support business innovation. A FREE seminar about starting a business in the State of Missouri will be held on March 2, from 4-6p. This session is titled "How To Start a Business in Missouri." To register, click [here](#). View the complete list of trainings and seminars [here](#).

Missouri Community Forestry Council State Conference, March 7-9

The Missouri Community Forestry Council annual State Conference will be held in Springfield, MO at the Oasis Convention Center near I-44 and Glenstone Avenue. Join the Southwest MCFC group as they present 'Living on the Edge of the Community Forest'. Early bird [registration](#) ends January 31: early bird registrants receive an MCFC messenger bag.

News...

JOBS Act Supports Skills Training for Modern Economy

"Legislation was introduced recently in the Senate which would expand Pell Grant eligibility to short-term job training programs. The bill, Jumpstart Our Businesses by Supporting Students (JOBS) Act, would open Pell Grant funding to job training opportunities, affording students an opportunity to gain industry-recognized credentials towards high-demand employment areas. Credentials will be aligned with Workforce and Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) standards and job-training opportunities will respond to local and state workforce needs. Several organizations support the legislation including National Skills Coalition (NSC), Jobs for the Future, and Virginia Community College System (VCCS)." A summary of the bill is available [here](#).

Rural Broadband Legislation Reintroduced in Congress

"Bills to improve rural broadband access which were introduced in the previous Congress have been refiled and are moving through the new Congress. On January 23, the [Improving Rural Call Quality and Reliability Act](#) was passed by the House of Representatives. The following day, the Senate Commerce Committee passed the Senate version of the bill as well as the [MOBILE NOW Act](#). Additionally, the [Small Business Broadband Deployment Act](#) has been reintroduced in the Senate. The aforementioned bills are supported by the [NTCA – Rural Broadband Association](#)."

Online Resources...

MoDOT County Maps

MoDOT maintains and publishes maps for all 114 Missouri counties. These maps can be downloaded or printed, and can easily be resized/enlarged. Each map is saved as a pdf for easy viewing and sharing. Each map denotes landmarks, borders, and road types. Access these maps by going to modot.org/newsandinfo/CountyMaps.htm

Low-Income + Low-Supermarket Access Census Tracts

USDA's Economic Research Service compiled this census brief that discusses regions of the country that have low-income and limited access to supermarkets. This data shows the connection between poverty and access to healthy food. Additionally, the brief compares urban and rural locations as connected to low-income and low-access Census tracts. View the brief [here](#).

Jobs...

Director of Finance, City of Republic, \$62,500 - \$80,000/yr.: <https://goo.gl/JiAKiC>

Planning and Development Director, City of Ozark, \$60,000 - \$70,000/yr. apply by Feb 24: <https://goo.gl/tY4kex>

Planning Administrator, Taney County, Salary DOQ: TaneyCounty.org

Regional Planner, Lake of the Ozarks Council of Local Governments, Salary DOQ: <http://goo.gl/lK1zuB>

Assistant Professor, Planning/Human Geography, Missouri State University, <https://goo.gl/x5f3iV>

Police Officer, City of Springfield, \$16.57 - \$28.35/hr.: <https://goo.gl/QGZKU3>

Police Office I + Police Officer Trainee, City of Branson, \$15.54 - \$16.49/hr.: <https://goo.gl/RGgvMJ>

Patrol Officer, City of Republic, \$15.57/hr.: <https://goo.gl/01GUuV>

Police Officer, City of Ozark: <https://goo.gl/sHnyUH>

Corrections Officer, Taney County, \$11.50/hr.: TaneyCounty.org

911 Communications Officer, City of Monett, \$27,348 - \$30,904/yr.: <https://goo.gl/bOQ9X9>

Police Dispatcher, City of Aurora: <http://goo.gl/4RF1uu>

MO Dept. of Conservation: Various positions available: <https://goo.gl/PnuHRN>

Grants...

Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)

Grant rounds for the Land & Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) and the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) opened Jan. 9, 2017. LWCF grants are available to cities, counties and school districts to be used for outdoor recreational projects. RTP grants fund trail-related projects and are available to local and state governments, school districts, for-profit and non-profit organizations, and businesses. For more information about either of these programs, please visit <https://goo.gl/hrOclK> **Deadline: February 17, 2017.**

EPA Job Training + Workforce Development Grant Opportunity

The EPA is soliciting proposals from eligible entities, including nonprofit organizations, to deliver Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training (EWDJT) programs that recruit, train, and place local, unemployed and under-employed residents with the skills needed to secure full-time employment in the environmental field. Successful applicants will be awarded grant funds of up to \$200,000 for the development and implementation of environmental job training programs.

Informational Webinars: Two informational webinars have been held. Their content is exactly the same and they can be streamed here: <https://goo.gl/Z0EmgK>

Learn about EPA proposal guidelines, tips, FAQs, and apply online: <https://goo.gl/A2Q6pN> **Deadline: February 24, 2017.**

USDA – Rural Utilities Service Broadband Loan and Grant

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Utilities Service (RUS) has opened applications to the Rural Broadband Access Loan and Loan Guarantee Program and Community Connect Grant Program. The Rural Broadband Access Loan and Loan Guarantee Program provides funding for construction, improvement, or acquisition of facilities and equipment to expand services of broadband speeds in eligible rural areas. Application submission windows will be March 1 to March 31 and September 1 to September 30. For information on the Rural Broadband Access Loan and Loan Guarantee Program, [click here](#).

The Community Connect Grant Program funds broadband expansion in areas that are not currently being considered by private providers. For information on the Community Connect Grant Program, [click here](#). **Applications due March 13.**

Frueauff Grants for Education, Human Services, and Health

The Charles A. Frueauff Foundation Grants award funding to nonprofit organizations who work in the areas of education, human services, and health. Examples of funding priorities and more information at www.ruralhealthinfo.org/funding/964 First time applicants must fill out an eligibility assessment early in the process. **All proposals due March 15.**

Community WINS Grant

The [U.S. Conference of Mayors](#) (USCM) and [Wells Fargo](#) have opened applications to the Community WINS Grant Program. The program funds initiatives in three categories: neighborhood stabilization, economic development, and job creation. USCM member cities may submit up to three eligible nonprofit programs for consideration in the review process. For more information, click [here](#). **Applications are due March 17.**

Innovations in Care, Grant Program

The Rita and Alex Hillman Foundation provide funds for nurse-driven models of care focused on patient- and family-centered approaches that challenge conventional strategies, improve health outcomes, lower costs, and enhance patient and family caregiver experience. The Hillman Foundation is specifically seeking proposals that address healthcare needs of vulnerable populations in the following groups; maternal and child health, care of older adults, and chronic illness management. Information can be found at www.ruralhealthinfo.org/funding/3871 **Deadline to apply is March 20.**

USDA – Strengthen Local/Regional Food Businesses

U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Ag. Marketing Service (AMS) announced the availability of \$27 million in grants to fund innovative projects designed to strengthen market opportunities for local and regional food producers and businesses. There are three different applications within this grant announcement. The Farmers Market Promotion Program (FMPP), the Local Food Promotion Program (LFPP), and the Federal-State Marketing Improvement Program (FSMIP). A webinar will be hosted to introduce the application process on February 8 at 2:30p. **Deadline to apply is March 27.**

On-Site Wastewater Grant/Loan Program

SMCOG, in partnership with the Missouri Association of Councils of Governments (MACOG), and MoDNR is pleased to offer a grant/loan program for failing on-site wastewater systems (septic systems). The purpose of the Missouri On-site Wastewater Improvement Grant-Loan program is to provide financing for homeowners seeking to make improvements to, or replace their on-site wastewater treatment system, which will improve Missouri’s water quality.

Program eligibility requirements can be found online: <https://goo.gl/62qtHG>
Contact JaneHood@missouristate.edu for more information.

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