



2015 Public Policy Agenda

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MEDC is a statewide, not-for-profit association of over 350 economic development professionals and community leaders from rural, suburban and metropolitan areas from all parts of the State of Missouri. Created in 1979 to provide a unified voice for economic development, MEDC offers its members programs in professional education, advocacy and marketing.

MEDC Mission Statement - To serve as an authoritative voice in Missouri on economic development and related issues through an effective program of professional development, public policy, marketing and communications.

High Priority Items

Training Hybrid: Work collaboratively with the Missouri Division Workforce of Development (and the Missouri Legislature if needed) to expand a workforce training model that enhances Missouri's incentive offering for new and expanding businesses. MEDC will continue to advocate for additional state appropriations for job training opportunities.

Missouri Partnership: We support the Missouri Partnership as a critical aspect of Missouri's marketing and business attraction efforts and it must be fully funded by the Missouri Legislature. The Missouri Economic Development Council will continue to reach out to and educate legislators on the importance of the Partnership to all stakeholders, acknowledging the need for continued public support.

Tax Credit System: We support updating Missouri's tax credit system. MEDC will work diligently to engage in a win-win scenario so other general items listed below can come to fruition.

General Items

1. We support efforts to encourage companies to invest and reinvest in Missouri.
2. We support efforts to resolve the transportation infrastructure crisis in Missouri.
3. We support the prudent use of bonding as a means to address urgent capital improvement and other economic development needs.
4. We support the creation of a deal closing fund in Missouri Works to help our state win the most competitive projects.
5. We support tax credits for key economic development initiatives, including Angel Investment and Data Centers.
6. We support legislation that creates a business-friendly environment.

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