



Missouri Economic Development Council

2020 MEDC Public Policy Agenda

MEDC is a statewide, not-for-profit association of more than 350 economic development professionals and community leaders from rural, suburban, and metropolitan areas of the state of Missouri. Created in 1979 to provide a unified voice for economic development, MEDC provides 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 communication.

High Priority Items

Appropriations: We support funding as stated for the following program tools critical to economic development:

- **One Start:** We endorse full funding (or increased funding if the budget allows) for the newly reorganized One Start.
- **Missouri Partnership:** We support the Missouri Partnership as a critical partner in Missouri's marketing and attraction efforts and endorse full funding (or increased funding if the budget allows).
- **Missouri Technology Corporation (MTC):** We support MTC as a critical partner enhancing the state's entrepreneurial ecosystem and endorse increased funding to previous levels.
- **Broadband Expansion:** We endorse full funding of the Missouri Broadband Development Fund. Today's infrastructure absolutely includes broadband as an integral component.

Existing Incentive Programs: We look forward to working with the Missouri Legislature on appropriate review and action related to existing incentive programs resulting in an effective array of competitive tools providing benefits to the state of Missouri and opportunities for investment and job growth.

Missouri Works: We support a thorough review of Missouri Works with a goal of enhancing the tool for use in rural areas, for CapEx heavy projects, and for occupation-oriented relevance, all while preserving benefits to the state.

General Items

- We support efforts to improve, maintain, and enhance transportation infrastructure.
- We support responsible legislation aimed at creating a business friendly environment.

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