MO Economic Development Council

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2012 Legislative Priorities of Missouri State Government

- **The Governor’s Priorities** *(Governor Jay Nixon)*
  - Economic Development & Jobs Creation
  - Education
  - Budget

- **The Missouri House of Representatives** *(Speaker Steve Tilley)*
  - Education
  - Economic Development
  - Business Reform
  - Voter ID

- **The Missouri Senate** *(President Pro Tem Robert Mayer)*
  - Business Reform – Tax Credit Reform
  - Education
Governor Nixon’s Stated Priorities - January 17th, 2012

• Economic Development / Job Creation
  – Investing in Missouri Works
    • Grow automotive supplier jobs in Missouri
    • Sell More Missouri-made goods overseas
    • Jumpstart innovation in science and technology (MOSIRA)
The Budget – Fiscal Year 2013

- House & Senate approved a $24B budget for FY 2013.

- Funding for several functions of the Department of Economic Development had been in question.

- The legislature restored full funding for the Missouri Partnership, the state’s international trade offices, the Customized Training Program, and three senior level positions in the Director’s office.

- Partial funding was restored for the Division of Tourism, the travel budget for project managers, and the Marketing team.
A coalition of fiscal conservatives in the Senate, led by Sens. Jason Crowell and Chuck Purgason, once again prevented the creation or expansion of any tax credit programs because substantial tax credit reforms were not implemented.
Economic Development

- **Missouri Works** – DED attempted to streamline six job creation and three job training tax incentives into two programs that would be more flexible in their use and easier for applicants to understand.

- **Amateur Sporting Events** – Tax incentives sought by the St. Louis Sports Commission to attract national amateur sporting events.

- **Data Storage Centers** – Tax incentives to lure large data storage centers to Missouri.

- **Aerotropolis** – Tax incentives for freight forwarders that direct cargo through Lambert St. Louis International Airport.
Mamtek

- The fall-out from the failed artificial sweetener facility in Moberly, MO resulted in increased scrutiny of the operations of the Missouri Department of Economic Development under Governor Nixon’s Administration.

- Investigations of the project were conducted by the House Interim Committee on Government Oversight and the Senate Committee on Governmental Accountability.

- Rep. Jay Barnes, Chairman of the House Committee attempted several reform efforts aimed at curbing future project failures.
Get Excited…It’s an Election Year!

- **Federal:** Sen. McCaskill and incumbents in all 8 Congressional districts are up for re-election.

- **State:** Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General, Treasurer, Secretary of State, all 163 House districts, and half of the 34 Senate districts, will all be on the ballot this fall.

- Legislative redistricting has forced many incumbent legislators to spend more time and money than usual building name i.d. with large numbers of new constituents.

- Republican control of the MO House (106-57) and MO Senate (26-8) is not in jeopardy.