

Upcoming Events

2009 Calendar

(All meetings are held at Rolla City Hall- unless otherwise indicated)

June 12	RREC Board 9 a.m.
June 3	Missour Highway and Transportation Commission meeting in Rolla at the Havener Center
July 10	RREC Board 9 a.m.
July 24	RREC Workshop 8- noon (proposed)
August 14	RREC Board 9 a.m.
September 11	RREC Board 9 a.m.
October 9	RREC Board 9 a.m.
November 13	RREC Board 9 a.m.
December 11	RREC Board Annual Meeting 9 a.m.

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Economic Development News for the Rolla Region June 2009

The Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission meeting and Community Visit in June

The Dinner -

The RREC hosted dinner for the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission on June 2 proved to be a great opportunity for the community, the MHTC and MoDOT staff to enjoy and evening of meaningful interaction. The success of the evening was due to the very generous contributions of several people; starting with MHTC Chairman, **Mike Kehoe**, who graciously allowed us to hold the event at his personal farm residence. We also owe a monumental debt of gratitude to **Caroleen Ferrell** for agreeing to organize the logistics of tables, food, drink and people. **John Butz** and **Jerry Giger** brought the drinks and ice. **Peter Hofherr (St. James Winery)**, generously donated and personally delivered a case of great wine for the event and several other people helped with set up, breakdown and a variety of other issues.


MoDoT Director Pete Rahn and Chief Engineer, Kevin Keith are "splitting the overpass".

The Dinner event featured 3 cakes of graduating sizes; 1 was a map of Missouri – the second was a map of the "63 project area" and third cake which was made to be the proposed "5th interchange.



The Presentation -

The RREC would, again, like to thank the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for accepting our invitation to meet in Rolla. RREC, the City of Rolla and Missouri S&T



worked together to make a great “case” for investment in Rolla and in Highway 63 between Rolla and Jefferson City. The basic premise of the presentation was to show the connection between transportation assets and increased per capita incomes. We moved this point a bit further down the road to assert that investment in Rolla would make the most dramatic difference in raising the prosperity of the entire south central region. Special thanks to Tom Stehn (MoDOT District 9 Engineer) for assistance with the presentation as well as a community tour for the commissioners. A copy of the Presentation is available on the RREC website under “news and publications”.

Two members of the Commission made a point of congratulating us and pointing out the rarity of a good relationship between the community and the University. They both emphasized all that we stand to gain from our synergy and encouraged us to continue our great cooperative relationship.

Rolla and St. James Enhance Enterprise Zones

The Rolla City council approved the formation of an EEZ for Rolla as well as the Rolla Enhanced Enterprise Zone Board. The function of the Board is to set the boundaries and incentive policies for the Rolla EEZ. The Rolla Board members are: Ted Day, Mary Davis, Keith Strassner, Don Morris, Molly Malone, Bud Dean and Doug Cresswell. The St. James EEZ process is nearly complete. St. James has completed their final public hearing and should be ready to take their ordinance to the City Council. The EEZ Board members in St. James include: Brad Frazier, Larry Stratmann, Butch Tucker, Linda Pruet

Learn more about the Missouri Partnership

<http://www.missouripartnership.com/>

Marketing

We, again, have a month with three new potential projects. I have hosted 2 site visits with a small company from the Chicago area interested in relocating to either Rolla or St. James. They are attracted to the area by the University.

RREC also responded to a request for Information from a consultant driven project. The old Briggs and Stratton facility appears to be a nearly perfect fit for their requirements. We originally were not part of the site selection area but the Missouri Partnership specifically asked if our building and area could be considered. There is the potential for 700 new jobs and over \$17 million in new investment.

Learn more about MEDC
<http://www.showme.org/>

One of the potential recipients of an LWI grant is seeking space in Rolla. He would be creating 4 or 5 temporary jobs.

RREC recently took part in the “Lakeside with the Locators” event at the Lake of the Ozarks. This June event featured community presentations to six site selection consultants. It was encouraging that all but one knew of Rolla and all were interested in the Technology Park. Two recently had projects for which Rolla was placed in consideration.

New RREC Board Members

Learn more about MoSCI
<http://mo-sci.com/>

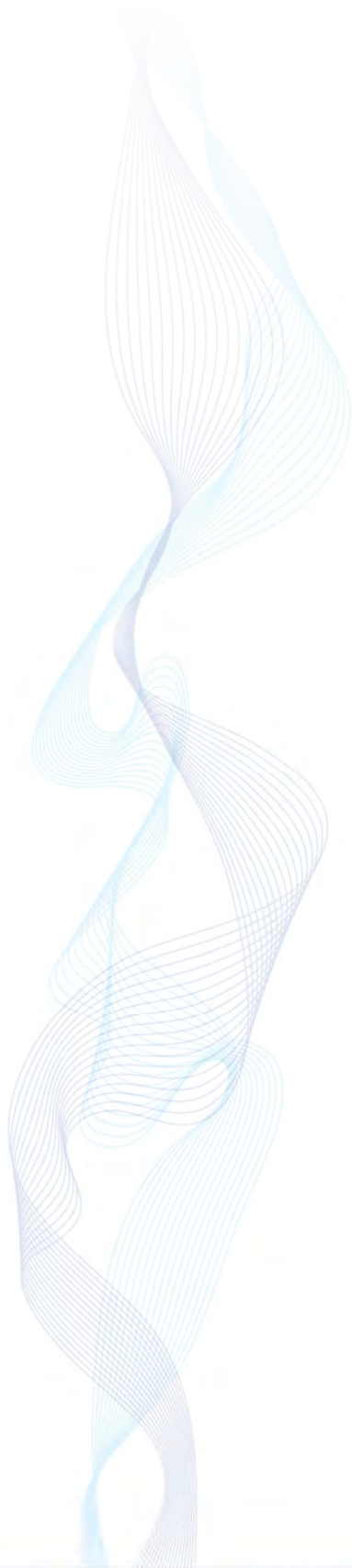
Congratulations to Ted Day (MoSCI Corporation) and Candace Connell (City of St. James) as our newest RREC Board members. Ted is the President of MoSCI Corporation and has worked diligently to pioneer constant innovations in MoSCI product and mission. Ted has also worked with the University to be the main impetus behind the next success story in Rolla which will be ProPerma. ProPerma produces a revolutionary coating for building steel building materials.

Candace Connell is an incredibly talented practitioner in community and economic development. Candace currently serves as the Community Development Director for St. James and she will prove to be a real asset for the RREC Board.

Look for the appointment of Ted and Candace to be affirmed during the June RREC Board Meeting.

WARNING

The time has come for RREC stand back and make a reassessment of mission and purpose. The proposed date for our workshop is Friday, July 24th. Plan to set aside the time block of 8 a.m. to noon. Lunch will be provided at noon but it is your choice to stay for the meal.



**2009
RREC Projects List**

Project name	Basic Description	Recent Action
Project Willow	Technology related manufacturing	Completed RFI and limited follow up June 4
Project Chicago West	Small manufacturer	Site visits in Rolla and St.James
LWI 62009	Research Project EE	Site search
Project 109	Heavy industrial prospect considering the Briggs building. 300 employees at \$15/hr.	Project Lost.
Package	European plastic packing company. 100 new employees	On indefinite hold due to financial issues
Trail	Medical related company. 35 new employees at \$35K avg.	No news
Mapping	10 new employees @27K	Project lost 5/4/09 due to economic issues. RREC had just coordinated a job training incentive to close the deal
CAMT1	Based in Europe. Working with MST. 7 new research jobs	On indefinite hold due to financial issues
Td1	Significant expansion from a Missouri company	No new information
Addison	Chicago based company considering Briggs warehouse	Project dead due to economic issues
Mp2 Project Rainfall	Consultant request RFI (large Briggs building)	Lost: too far from primary source of raw material
Mp3 Project OX	Consultant request (large Briggs buiding- long shot)	Project still on hold
Local1	Missouri company considering expansion and relocation to Rolla/St. James	Sent packet of information to client on small Briggs building and St. James industrial park.
Entre1 (ProPerma)	company start up	Company is partnership with MoSCI and is actually starting up in MoSCI but starting production on initial product in SW U.S. Plan is to move production here. Looking at available buildings at Hypoint.
Norm2	Missouri company considering relocation and expansion	Sent information materials for parent office in St. Louis
Package 2	Packaging company with locations nationwide considering an expansion in Rolla	Site visit to Briggs building. Discussions regarding lease price – no new information
Project Molder *	Large scale manufacturing	Lost project on building but may have 2 nd chance if project has to look at greenfield sites.
Project Fire	Entrepreneurial start up for research based company	Working with client to fine tune a request for financing

