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September 2006 Announcements

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Cole County HSRT Mike Rackers to Chair Homeland Security Oversight Committee

Robert "Mike" Rackers, representing the Cole County Homeland Security Response Team, will serve as the first chairman of the Region F Homeland Security Regional Oversight Committee, which was officially formed on July 7. The 13-member committee is comprised of one representative from 13 core disciplines officially met on August 18 at the Copper Kettle restaurant in Ashland. Rackers is the Chief of the Cole County Emergency Response Team. Gary Woodson, Lake Ozark Fire Chief was selected as vice-chairman. During the formation meeting, the committee also established terms of office for each position and approved bylaws. The Mid-Missouri Regional Planning Commission, in coordination with the State Emergency Management Agency, is assisting in coordination efforts. The MMRPC will act as the group's administrative entity and fiscal agent.

One of the main functions of the group will be to allocate grant dollars for Homeland Security needs within Region F service area which includes the counties of Audrain, Boone, Callaway, Camden, Cole, Cooper, Gasconade, Howard, Miller, Moniteau, Montgomery, Morgan, and Osage. SEMA has announced that the grant allocation to each region will be announced on September 15 and will be based on population, risks, critical infrastructure and key resources. Eligible activities and timeframes for grant review and awards will also be announced by SEMA on this date.

The HSROC's next regularly schedule meeting is set for Tuesday, October 24th at 1:00 p.m. at the Copper Kettle restaurant in Ashland. Persons needing additional information should contact Lisa Nichols or Ed Siegmund with the Mid-Missouri Regional Planning Commission, or Gayla Weber, SEMA Area F Coordinator at 573.526.9126.

MMRPC Receives MoDNR Funds to Assist California

Representatives of the Mo. Department of Natural Resources (MoDNR) notified the Mid-Missouri Regional Planning Commission that the agency will receive \$5,485.00 to assist the City of California with watershed planning efforts. The MMRPC prepared the grant request under the MoDNR Section 604B Water Quality Program.

The planning funds will be used to assist MMRPC staff in completing a field survey of identification of existing stormwater issues, a prioritization of these issues, and development of a matrix of best

management practices and costs in addressing these problems. The MMRPC will also complete GIS mapping activities and photo documentation of the stormwater issues. The project will begin in the fall of 2006.

Otterville Completes Street and Drainage Improvements

Within one year of the announcement of the grant award of Community Development Block Grant funds (CDBG) by the Missouri Department of Economic Development, the City of Otterville has completed construction of needed street and drainage improvements. The completed project included replacing damaged storm drainage tubes, cleaning out ditches, installing detention basins, extending culverts, and reshaping streets with a three inch asphalt overlay that will improve drainage away from the streets surface, as well as, providing a smooth driving surface in the community.

On August 31, 2005 officials from the Missouri Department of Economic Development announced that a community development block (CDBG) in the amount of \$359,317 has been awarded to the City of Otterville for street and drainage improvements. Staff members of the MMRPC assisted Otterville in preparing the CDBG application, and serve as the project administrator. Allstate Consultants, P.C. is the project engineer. For addition information regarding this project, or CDBG grant funds, please contact Colleen Vollman of the MMRPC staff.

MMRPC Annual Dinner

We look forward to seeing you (and guest) at the Mid-Missouri Regional Planning Commission's Annual Dinner in Ashland on September 27, 2006. Community leaders, city, county and state elected officials, and city and county management staff members throughout the six-county region will be attending.

The dinner will be held at the Ashland Senior Center, 406 Douglas Drive. The guest speaker for the evening will be Doyle Childers, Director of Missouri Department of Natural Resources. Social activities will begin at 6:00 p.m with dinner to be served at 6:30 p.m.

Please contact Lisa Nichols at 573.657.9779 or lisanichols@mmrpc.org by September 20, 2006 to confirm your attendance.

Announcements: Grant Opportunities

Ameren Community Development Grants

The Ameren Community Development Corporation (AmerenCDC) provides grants based on each applicant's ability to stimulate community and economic development, resulting in community revitalization and the creation of jobs in Missouri. There are two grant cycles each year. The closing date for the current round of applications is October 2. Find more information regarding this grant program and access the application form at <http://www.ameren.com/ECONOMICDEVL/ADC ED AmerenCDC.asp>.

Mid-Missouri Solid Waste Management District

The Mid-Missouri Solid Waste Management District (MMSWD) receives money from the Solid Waste Management Fund each year based on a formula. MMSWD awards most of the funds to "subgrantees – cities, counties, and private organizations" to promote waste reduction, recycling and to help find safe and legal options for disposing of items banned from landfills. The first deadline for grants (small- less than \$5,000) is Friday, September 29. For more information see www.mmswmd.org, or contact Matt Harline at 573.874.7574.

MO. Dept of Natural Resources

Land and water Conservation fund grants are available to cities, counties and school districts to be used for outdoor recreation projects. The FY2007 grant application period is open August 14 – October 31, 2006. Applications must be postmarked by October 30, 2006. See <http://www.mostatoparks.com/grantsinfo.htm> or call 1.800.334.6946.

Calendar

September 20, 2006: Mid-Missouri Solid Waste Management District grant workshop. Columbia–Daniel Boone Building. See www.mmswmd.org or contact Matt Harline at 573.874.7574

September 21, 2006: Mo. Department of Economic Development District 4 membership meeting. 10:30 am at MDFB Board room, Governor's Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City. Guest speaker DED Director Greg Steinhoff. RSVP by September 15 to Sharon Gulick gulick@missouri.edu or 573.884.0669, or Jessica Eads Jessica.eads@ded.mo.gov or 573.751.4982.

September 25-27, 2006: Governor's Conference on Economic Development. St. Louis. For registration info: www.missouridevelopment.org

September 27, 2006: Mid-Missouri Regional Planning Commission – Annual Meeting/Dinner. Contact lisanichols@mmrpc.org or 573.657.9779.

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