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Register Now for State Chamber/AIA 82nd Annual Meeting

Save the date and register [here](#) for the State Chamber/AIA 82nd Annual Meeting which will be held November 16th at The Peabody Hotel Little Rock.

The agenda includes the following:

9:00-9:15 a.m. **Check-In**

9:15 a.m. **Welcome and Recognition of Sponsors**
Randy Zook, State Chamber/AIA President & CEO
Introduction of Speaker
Ray Dillon, AIA Chairman
What the Election Means for Business
Bernadette Budde, Senior Vice President
Business Industry Political Action Committee (BIPAC)
Washington, D.C.

10:30 a.m. **Break**

10:45 a.m. **Business Session I**
Election of State Chamber/AIA Officers and Directors
Randy Wilbourn, State Chamber Chairman
Ray Dillon, AIA Chairman

11:30 a.m. **Keynote Address**
Donnie Smith, President/CEO
Tyson Foods, Inc.

12:15 p.m. **Lunch**
Remarks: Governor Mike Beebe

Business Session II
Status of Organization, Recent Statewide Activity & Vision for Future
Randy Zook, State Chamber/AIA President & CEO

Presentation and Adoption of Legislative Agenda
Kenny Hall, State Chamber/AIA Executive Vice President

2:00 p.m. **Open House**
Come see our newly remodeled office and meeting space!
Arkansas State Chamber Building
1200 W. Capitol Ave., Little Rock

The Annual Meeting is presented by: **Acxiom Corporation, Arkansas Blue Cross and Blue Shield, Delta Dental of Arkansas, Inc., Deltic Timber Corporation and Wal-Mart Stores Inc.**

For more information, contact Deb Mathis at dmathis@arkansasstatechamber.com or 501-210-4212.

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State Chamber/AIA Recognized for Communications Efforts

The State Chamber/AIA was recognized by the Arkansas Chapter of the International Business Communicators for two of its communications efforts during the IABC Chapter's Bronze Quill Awards ceremony on October 26th at the Acxiom Building in Little Rock.

The State Chamber/AIA received an Award of Excellence for its *Membership Directory & Buyers' Guide* and an Award of Merit for its redesigned website: www.arkansasstatechamber.com. Entries were evaluated by an out-of-state group of communications professionals.

The judges said the *Membership Directory & Buyers' Guide* was "a very attractive publication, of good quality and easy to follow and understand." The State Chamber/AIA website was given high marks for "an impressive layout and design with a nice incorporation of social media tools" and for being "snappy and attractive, as well as functional and top rate."

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Don't Miss Governor's Quality Award Program

The Governor's Quality Award Program will honor the 2010 award recipients at an awards

celebration on Monday, November 15th at the Peabody Hotel Ballroom in Little Rock beginning with a reception at 6:00 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:45 p.m. The cost is \$75 per person or \$750 for a table of 10. Contact Sue Weatter at sweatter@arkansasstatechamber.com or 501-372-2222 for additional information.

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“Door-to-Door” Regional Meetings near Completion

The State Chamber/AIA is nearing the end of its “Door-to-Door” Regional Meetings throughout the state. The meetings feature presentations on state and federal governmental affairs issues and State Chamber/AIA programs and events.

The final 2010 Door-to-Door Regional Meeting is scheduled for:

- Blytheville – November 8th from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn

The State Chamber/AIA is seeking sponsors for this meeting. If your company would like to be a sponsor, contact Bill Watson at bwatson@arkansasstatechamber.com or 501-802-1740.

Reservations are required to attend these meetings. To make a reservation or for additional information, contact Deb Mathis at dmathis@arkansasstatechamber.com or 501-210-4212.

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Leadership Arkansas Class V to Hold Next Session in Little Rock

Leadership Arkansas Class V will hold its next session on November 16-17 in conjunction with the State Chamber/AIA Annual Meeting at The Peabody Hotel in Little Rock.

Additional sessions scheduled for the class include:

- Session II – January 20-21, South Arkansas, Camden
- Session III – March 17-18, Northwest Arkansas, Siloam Springs
- Session IV – May 19-20, Fort Smith Region, Fort Smith
- Session V – June 23-24, Northeast Arkansas, Jonesboro
- Session VI – June 24, Graduation, Jonesboro

The State Chamber/AIA is seeking sponsors for these sessions. If your company would like to be a sponsor, contact Bill Watson at bwatson@arkansasstatechamber.com or 501-802-1740.

For additional information on the Leadership Arkansas program, contact Susie Marks at 501-210-4206 or smarks@arkansasstatechamber.com.

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Next Small Business Council Meeting to Cover “Cyber Liability”

The next State Chamber/AIA Small Business Council Meeting will be held Tuesday, November 30th from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. in the State Chamber Conference Room Lunch will be provided, followed by a legislative update. Jenny Bradford, an attorney with Regions Insurance, will provide a presentation on “Cyber Liability.”

Thanks to **Arkansas Capital Corporation Group**, meal sponsor for all 2010 Small Business Council meetings.

For further information, contact Jeff Thatcher at jthatcher@arkansasstatechamber.com or 501-210-4205.

Small Business Council meetings are open to all members of the State Chamber/AIA.

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Chief Executives Rank Arkansas #27 in Business Survey

In the 2010 *Chief Executive's* Annual Survey of best and worst states for business, Arkansas jumped eight spots to #27 from last year's rankings.

More than 650 business leaders were asked to draw upon their direct experience to rate each state in three general categories: taxation and regulation, quality of workforce and living environment.

Within each category, respondents graded states in subcategories, as well as ranking each state in terms of its importance to the respondent and how individual states measure up. Click [here](#) for the actual rankings.

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Welcome to Our New Members

Thanks to the following new members which recently joined the State Chamber/AIA:

AdvantaClean of Central Arkansas
Arkansas Power Labor
Best Western Duck Inn
Motor Appliance Corp.
North Little Rock Municipal Airport

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Thanks to Our Pinnacle Members

Thanks to all of our Pinnacle investors, the respected companies that support the State Chamber/AIA at the highest annual investment levels. We appreciate all that they do for us.

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**Entergy Arkansas, Inc.
Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.**

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**Chesapeake Energy, Inc.
Cox Communications
Southern Bancorp, Inc.
Tyson Foods, Inc.
XTO Energy, Inc.**

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**Arkansas Blue Cross and Blue Shield
Arvest Bank
AT&T Arkansas
BP America, Inc.
CardinalHealth
CenterPoint Energy Southern Gas
Deltic Timber Corporation
Electric Cooperatives of Arkansas
FedEx Freight - East
Koch Companies Public Sector, LLC
Nucor/Nucor-Yamato
Oaklawn Jockey Club
Southland Park Gaming & Racing
Southwestern Energy Company
State Farm Insurance
Verizon Wireless
Welspun Tubular, LLC
Windstream Corporation**

CROWN

**Acxiom Corporation
AEP Southwestern Electric Power
Albemarle Corporation
American Greetings Corporation
America's Car-Mart, Inc.
Arkansas Department of Workforce Services
Arkansas Employees Federal Credit Union
Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation
Arkansas Oklahoma Gas Corporation
CenterPoint Energy Gas Transmission Company**

Cherokee Casino West – Siloam Springs
Crossland Construction
Delta Dental of Arkansas Inc.
Delta Natural Kraft
Dynegy
Energy Transfer/Fayetteville Express Pipeline
Evergreen Packaging Company
Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company of Arkansas, Inc.
Fidelity National Information Services
Forest Oil Corporation
Glad Manufacturing/A Clorox Company
International Paper Company
Kimberly-Clark Corporation
Kraft Foods
Lion Oil Company
McKee Foods Corporation
Mid-America Packaging, LLC
Nabholz Construction Corporation
Nice-Pak
OG+E
PACO Steel & Engineering Corp.
Petrohawk
Philander Smith College
Riceland Foods, Inc.
Russellville Steel Company Inc.
Signature Bank of Arkansas
Stephens Inc.
Suez Energy North America
The Clorox Company
US Bank
Waste Management
Weyerhaeuser Company
Wright Lindsey & Jennings

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Calendar of Events

November 8	Blytheville “Door to Door” Meeting 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Holiday Inn
November 15	Governor’s Quality Award Banquet The Peabody Hotel Reception 6:00 p.m., Dinner 6:45 p.m. Little Rock

- November 16 State Chamber/AIA Annual Meeting
The Peabody Hotel
Little Rock
- November 16-17 Leadership Arkansas Class V
Session I
The Peabody Hotel
Little Rock
- November 30 Small Business Council Meeting
11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.
State Chamber Conference Room

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