Save the Date for the State Chamber/AIA Legislative Reception

Save the date for the State Chamber/AIA Legislative Reception, which will be held from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday evening, Feb. 20 under the big tent in our north parking lot. The Legislative Reception is presented by Cox Communications, Southland Park Gaming & Racing, Stephens Inc. and Walmart.

Read more here.

State Chamber/AIA Offering Two More Cybersecurity Risk Management Workshops

The State Chamber/AIA is offering two more Cybersecurity Risk Management Workshops, “Ensuring Delivery of Critical Infrastructure Services” on Jan. 16 and “Discovering, Responding and Recovering After a Cybersecurity Event” on Feb. 22. Each workshop costs $50 per person. John Burgess, president of Mainstream Technologies, Inc., is the workshop facilitator.

Read more here.

Leadership Arkansas Session V: Natural Resources, Defense & Industrial Development Jan. 22-23 in East Camden, El Dorado & Magnolia

Leadership Arkansas Class XII will hold Session V, Natural Resources, Defense & Industrial Development, Jan. 22-23 in East Camden, El Dorado & Magnolia.

Read more here.

Check Out Blueprint Guide to
Technical Education & Careers

The State Chamber/AIA, along with Arkansas Community Colleges, the Associated General Contractors of Arkansas, the Arkansas Construction Education Foundation and the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, recently sponsored Blueprint, the Arkansas Times Guide to Technical Education & Careers.

Read more here.

Don’t Miss Your Opportunity to Apply for a 2018 Governor’s Quality Award

Don’t miss your opportunity to apply for a 2018 Governor’s Quality Award. Companies can choose from four levels of award with different requirements at each level with the opportunity to earn recognition and improve organizational performance.

Read more here.

Applications for Small Business Awards Being Accepted Until Jan. 9. Apply Now!

Are you a small business owner with an amazing success story to tell? If so, submit your nomination today for SBA’s National Small Business Week awards. All nominations must be mailed or hand delivered to the nearest SBA office no later than 2:00 p.m. CST Tuesday, Jan 9.

To learn more about the awards and submit a nomination, click here.

American Red Cross in Central Arkansas To Transfer Blood Collections to Arkansas Blood Institute

Arkansas Blood Institute and the American Red Cross Greater Ozarks- Arkansas Region will form a new operational alignment to serve the blood donors and blood drive sponsors of Central Arkansas. Effective January 1, 2018, the Red Cross will discontinue blood collections in Central Arkansas, and transfer its Little Rock, North Little Rock, and Russellville based blood recruitment and collections activities to Arkansas Blood Institute.

Read more here.

New Family and Medical Leave Credit for Employers in Tax Cuts


The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act that was recently passed by the U.S. House and Senate and signed into law by President Trump puts in place a federal tax credit for employers that provide paid family and medical leave to their employees, beginning in 2018.

Read more [here](#).

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**Thanks to Our New and Upgraded Members**

Thanks to the following new members that have recently joined the State Chamber/AIA and to those members that have recently upgraded their membership investment in our organizations:

- Dave Creek Media
- Elliott Electric Supply
- Expense Reduction Analysts
- Innovative Strategies Group
- Penske Truck Leasing
- Pratt & Whitney, Inc.
- Quattlebaum Grooms & Tull PLLC

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**Thanks to Our Pinnacle Members**

We would like to thank and recognize Pratt & Whitney, Inc. for recently upgrading their Associated Industries of Arkansas membership to the Pinnacle Crown level. Thanks to our more than 130 Pinnacle investors that support the State Chamber/AIA at the highest annual investment levels.

For more information on the Pinnacle program, click [here](#).

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**Calendar of Events**

- **January 16**
  - Ensuring Delivery of Critical Infrastructure Services Workshop
  - 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
  - State Chamber/AIA Conference Room
  - Little Rock

- **January 22-23**
  - Leadership Arkansas Session V
  - Natural Resources, Defense & Industrial Development
  - East Camden, El Dorado & Magnolia

- **February 20**
  - State Chamber/AIA Legislative Reception Under the Big Tent
  - State Chamber/AIA North Parking Lot
  - Little Rock

- **February 22**
  - Discovering, Responding and Recovering After
a Cybersecurity Event Workshop
9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
State Chamber/AIA Conference Room
Little Rock

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