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January 1-5, 2018

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

and Jobs Act

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](#).



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



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](#).



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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