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### Don't Miss the 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Washington Fly-In & Congressional Dinner April 18

Don't miss the 59<sup>th</sup> Annual State Chamber/AIA Washington Fly-In & Congressional Dinner April 18. Events include a breakfast briefing at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, meetings with the Arkansas Senate and House delegation and the Congressional Dinner & Reception at Hill Country BBQ.

To register or for more information, click [here](#).



### Leadership Arkansas Session VII: Tourism, History & Revitalization March 29-30 in Hot Springs

Leadership Arkansas Class XII is holding Session VII, Tourism History & Revitalization March 29-30 in Hot Springs.

Read more [here](#).



### Save the Date for the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Small Business Awards Luncheon

The State Chamber/AIA will host the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Small Business Awards Luncheon from 11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. on Thursday, May 10 at the Embassy Suites in Little Rock. Rex Nelson, senior editor of the *Arkansas-Democrat Gazette* and former federal co-chairman of the Delta Regional Authority, will be the keynote speaker.

For more information or to register, click [here](#).



### State Chamber/AIA Upgrades Benefits of Pinnacle Membership

In an effort to provide more value to our current Pinnacle members and to future Pinnacle members, the State Chamber/AIA recently upgraded the benefits of Pinnacle investment.



Read more [here](#).



## ADEQ Accepting Applications for Two Environmental Awards

The Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality is accepting applications through March 16 for two environmental awards: the Arkansas Environmental Stewardship (ENVY) Award and the Arkansas Environmental Technology (TECHe) Award.

For more information or to apply, click [here](#).



## U.S. SBA Emerging Leaders Program Now Open for Registration

The U.S. SBA Emerging Leaders program is now open for registration. The 2018 Class will be held from 3:30 – 6:30 p.m. every two weeks April 19 – Oct. 25 at the Venture Center in downtown Little Rock. The deadline for registration is March 29.

For more information or to register, click [here](#).



## Don't Miss the Mid-South Basic Economic Development Course April 2-5

The Arkansas Economic Developers & Chamber Executives (AEDCE) and the International Economic Development Council (IEDC) are offering the Mid-South Basic Economic Development Course (BEDC) April 2 – 5 in the Conference Room of the Arkansas State Chamber.

For more information or to register, click [here](#).

A promotional graphic for the Mid-South Basic Economic Development Course. It features a red banner at the top with the course title. Below, it lists topics to include: Business Expansion &amp; Retention, Strategic Planning, Marketing/Attraction, Economic Development Finance, Small Business &amp; Entrepreneurship Development, Community/Neighborhood Development, Real Estate Development &amp; Reuse, Workforce Development, Managing Economic Development Organizations, Economic Development Ethics, and Electives. It also provides the dates (April 2-5, 2018), location (Little Rock), website (www.aedce.org/mid-south-basic), and phone number (501.210.4206). Logos for Arkansas Economic Developers &amp; Chamber Executives and International Economic Development Council are at the bottom.

## AEF Holding Regulated Waste and Water Seminars April 17 and 18 in Little Rock

The Arkansas Environmental Federation will hold its annual Regulated Waste Seminar from 8 a.m. – 4:15 p.m. on Tuesday, April 17 and its Water Seminar from 8 a.m. – 4:15 p.m. Wednesday, April 18, both at the Airport Holiday Inn – 3201 Bankhead

Drive in Little Rock.

To register or for more information, click [here](#).



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## EngageAR Holding Annual Conference April 20-21 at Embassy Suites in Little Rock



EngageAR will hold their Annual Conference April 20-21 at the Embassy Suites in Little Rock. Conference topics will include capacity building, social entrepreneurship, volunteer engagement, preparing for disaster and fund development.

Read more [here](#).

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## Applications Open for 2018 Governor's Awards for Excellence in Global Trade



The Arkansas District Export Council has announced that applications are being accepted for the 2018 Governor's Awards for Excellence in Global Trade until April 27. Winners will be announced during an award luncheon at the Governor's Mansion in late May.

To apply or for more information, click [here](#).

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## Save the Date for the China International Import Expo Nov. 5 – 10 in Shanghai

The China International Import Expo (CIIE) will take place from Nov. 5 – 10, 2018 in Shanghai. The Chinese government is extending an invitation to exporters to explore the Chinese market. The World Trade Center Arkansas will have a trade mission to the Expo.



For more information, click [here](#).

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## Thanks to Our New and Upgraded Members

Arkansas Surgical Hospital  
B&B Oil Company  
Lyon College  
Pleasant Valley Country Club



## Thanks to Our Pinnacle Members

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

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Leadership Arkansas Session VII  
Tourism, History & Revitalization  
Hot Springs

**April 18**  
59<sup>th</sup> Annual Washington Fly-In &  
Congressional Dinner  
U.S. Chamber of Commerce  
Hart Senate Office Building, Room 216  
122 Cannon House Office Building  
Hill Country BBQ

**May 10**  
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Awards Luncheon  
11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.  
Embassy Suites Hotel  
Little Rock



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