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E-Newsletter



March 26 - 30, 2018

### 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. The registration deadline is April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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 this Thursday and Friday, 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](#).



### Reminder Regarding Donations to ASCC and AIA PACs

Just a reminder that donations to ASCC and AIA PACs can be made each calendar year up to \$5k; corporate donations ARE allowed. Keep an eye out for your dues invoice as we will include an option there for your organization to partner with us in this effort.

You can also click [here](#) to donate to ASCC PAC or [here](#) to AIA PAC today!



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## POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEES

### 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 this Thursday, 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](#).

**Mid-South Basic Economic Development Course**

Topics to include:

- Business Expansion & Retention
- Strategic Planning
- Marketing/Attraction
- Economic Development Finance
- Small Business & Entrepreneurship Development
- Community/Neighborhood Development
- Real Estate Development & Reuse
- Workforce Development
- Managing Economic Development Organizations
- Economic Development Ethics
- Electives

April 2 - 5 2018  
Little Rock  
[www.aedce.org/mid-south-basic](http://www.aedce.org/mid-south-basic)  
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### Workforce Alliance for Growth Linking Today's Workforce with Tomorrow's Jobs

WAGE<sup>TM</sup> is a job readiness training program conducted by the Adult Education Division of the Arkansas Department of Career Education. WAGE<sup>TM</sup> is needed because nearly half a million Arkansans 18 years of age or older function below a 12<sup>th</sup> grade level.

Read more [here](#).



### AEDC Manufacturing Solutions Business Cybersecurity and Fraud Seminar April 4

AEDC Manufacturing Solutions is offering a Business Cybersecurity and Fraud Seminar 1 – 5 p.m., April 4 in the Pulaski Technical College Business and Industry Center located at 3303 E.

Roosevelt Road in Little Rock.

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



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## Arkansas Recycling Coalition Spring Recycling and Sustainability Summit April 12

The Arkansas Recycling Coalition will hold their Spring Recycling and Sustainability Summit from 9 a.m. – 12 noon on April 12 at Virco Manufacturing Corporation in Conway.

Read more [here](#).



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## 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 on May 30.

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



## 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](#).



## 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:

CAT2, Inc.  
Central Moloney, Inc.  
G4S Secure Solutions (USA) Inc.  
Pulaski County Title  
Windsor Door



## Thanks to Our Pinnacle Members

We would like to thank and recognize **G4S Secure Solutions (USA) Inc.** for recently joining the Arkansas State Chamber as a Pinnacle Crown member and **Central Moloney, Inc.** for recently upgrading their Pinnacle membership investment in the Associated Industries of Arkansas.

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



## Calendar of Events

March 29 – 30  
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

**April 24 – 26**  
Leadership Arkansas Session VIII  
Regional Development  
Fayetteville, Springdale & Bentonville

**May 10**  
28<sup>th</sup> Annual Arkansas Small Business  
Awards Luncheon  
11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.  
Embassy Suites Hotel  
Little Rock

**May 24 – 25**  
Leadership Arkansas Session IX  
Leadership, Planning & Graduation  
Little Rock



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