Don’t Miss the 59th Annual Washington Fly-In & Congressional Dinner April 18

Don’t miss the 59th 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 3rd.

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 28th Annual Small Business Awards Luncheon

The State Chamber/AIA will host the 28th 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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**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.

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**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.

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**Workforce Alliance for Growth Linking Today’s Workforce with Tomorrow’s Jobs**

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

Read more here.

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**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.
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](#).

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](#).

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](#).

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.

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Fayetteville, Springdale & Bentonville

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Leadership Arkansas Session IX
Leadership, Planning & Graduation
Little Rock

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