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## Don't Miss the Virtual Financial Forecast on Jan. 20!

The Arkansas Bankers Association and the State Chamber/AIA are teaming up for a 2021 Virtual Financial Forecast from 10 – 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 20. Don't miss this!

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

**January 20, 2021**  
10am - 11am

**WHERE**  
Virtual Format - Attend from the comfort of your desk.

**WHO SHOULD ATTEND**  
Anyone with an interest in Arkansas's economy.

**COST**  
\$50/Member  
\$100/Non-Member

**REGISTER**  
[arkansasstatechamber.com/forecast](http://arkansasstatechamber.com/forecast)

## Arkansans May Be in for Rude Awakening Regarding Energy Costs/Reliability in Coming Years

Arkansans could be in for a rude awakening in coming years in terms of costs and reliability with the push for “clean energy,” journalist and author Robert Bryce told participants during a recent webinar.

Read more [here](#).



## State Chamber/AIA Publishes 2020 Annual Report

The State Chamber/AIA recently published our 2020 Annual Report, a compilation of articles and photos from both a live and virtual perspective.

To see a copy, click [here](#).



## Be Pro Be Proud Featured in *Transport Topics*

Be Pro Be Proud, the Associated Industries of Arkansas workforce initiative, was recently featured in *Transport Topics* in an article titled “Arkansas’ Mobile Job Simulator Promotes Industry.”

Read more [here](#).



## Arkansas Inc. Unveils Arkansas Economic Development Guide and New Video

Arkansas Inc. recently unveiled the Arkansas Economic Development Guide and a new video that profiles why being in Arkansas has fostered success for businesses and their employees.

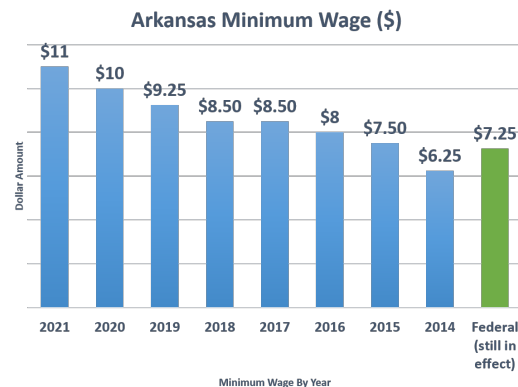
Read more [here](#).



## Arkansas Minimum Wage Increased to \$11 Per Hour Jan. 1

Arkansas's minimum hourly wage increased from \$10 to \$11 per hour effective Jan. 1. However, Arkansas's tip law did not change.

Read more [here](#).



## Governor's Quality Award Program Accepting Applications for 2021 Board of Examiners

The Governor's Quality Award program is accepting applications for its 2021 Board of Examiners. The deadline to apply is March 1.

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



## Welcome to Our New Members

We would like to thank and recognize the following companies for recently joining the State Chamber/AIA.

**BankLabs**  
**Brent Higgins Trucking, Inc.**  
**Electronic Manufacturing Solutions, Inc.**  
**ForwARd Arkansas**  
**Greenway Equipment, Inc.**  
**McGehee Fire & Ambulance**  
**The Paper Tigers, Inc.**



For an online directory of our members, click [here](#).

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## Thanks to Our Pinnacle Members

We would like to thank and recognize **Tokai Carbon GE, LLC** for joining the Associated Industries of Arkansas as a Pinnacle Crown member. Thanks to our more than 135 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

Virtual Financial Forecast  
10 – 11 a.m.  
Jan. 20

Feb. 18-19  
Leadership Arkansas Class XV  
Economic Development & Infrastructure Session  
West Memphis & Blytheville

March 10-11  
Leadership Arkansas Class XV  
Tourism, History & Revitalization Session  
Hot Springs

April 21-23  
Leadership Arkansas Class XV  
Regional Development Session  
Northwest Arkansas

May 20-21  
Leadership Arkansas Class XV  
Leadership, Planning & Graduation Session  
Little Rock

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



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