Welcome

Chris Caldwell, Federal Co-Chairman
DRA 101

Brian Henson, Chief of Staff
Creating Jobs.
Building Communities.
Improving Lives.
QUICK FACTS

- Established in 2000
- Federal-State Partnership
- Economic Development
- Eight States:
  - Alabama
  - Arkansas
  - Illinois
  - Kentucky
  - Missouri
  - Mississippi
  - Louisiana

Board of Governors
• 252 Counties and Parishes
• 234 Deemed “Distressed”
• 9,879,763 Residents
1 in 5 people in the Delta live in poverty
116 counties are in persistent poverty
Goal 1: Improved Workforce Competitiveness

Goal 2: Strengthened Infrastructure

Goal 3: Increased Community Capacity
Regional Impact
Job Creation
Leveraged Investments

- **At least 75%** invested into Economically Distressed Counties and Parishes
- **At least 50%** invested into Basic Public Infrastructure and Transportation Improvements
COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE FUND

FY 2019 Appropriations
$10,000,000

- Basic Public Infrastructure
- Flood Control
- Transportation Improvements
Eligible entities:

- State and local governments
- Public bodies
- Non-profit organizations

Interested in applying?

Contact your local development district
**SEDAP Timeline**

- **Funding cycle opens**: March 1
- **Funding cycle closes (applications submitted to LDDs)**: May 31
- **DRA eligibility review and determination**: June – July
- **Designees/Alternates meet with governors to identify priority projects**: July – August
- **Federal Co-Chair and Governors vote to determine project selections**: August
- **Award announcements**: September – October
FY2019 Delta Workforce Program

Focus Areas:
- Registered apprenticeships
- Industry-driven job training

DRA investment: $1.5 million
- Phase I: Regional workshops
- Phase II: Grant program
- Phase III: Technical assistance

Partnership with Department of Labor and Appalachian Regional Commission
- Upcoming rural training initiative
Executive Academy
• Leadership Network
  o Regional Advisory Council
• Annual Conference

Application Cycle Opens
Summer 2020

DELTA LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE
A Program of the Delta Regional Authority
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Christina Wade, Health Program Manager
INNOVATIVE READINESS TRAINING (IRT)

IRT Medical Missions
Services offered:
• Medical care
• Dental care
• Optical care
At no cost to the patient

Eligible applicants:
• Local governments
• Public bodies
• Non-profit organizations

How to Apply:
Contact DRA’s Health Program Manager
2018 IRT Medical Missions
• Alabama & Illinois
  • 4,633 Patient Visits
  • 809 Glasses Distributed
  • 1,060 Teeth Extracted
  • $1 Million Benefit to Community

2019 & 2020 IRT Medical Missions
• Applications have been submitted
Purpose
• Increase access to quality healthcare
• Provide medical services in physician shortage areas

Commitments
• Facility must show proof of 45-day recruit period for an American physician
• Physician must provide direct patient care for 160 hours per month
• Physician must provide services to Medicaid/Medicare/Indigent patients

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