

Breakthrough Solutions Partners and Advisory Council

Breakthrough Solutions is a program of the University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service with partners in the public, private and not-for-profit sectors. The partners are terrific resources and make valuable contributions to the annual conference and program. The partners share the goal of equipping and enabling communities to create their desired futures to prosper in the 21st century global economy. Seventeen organizations partner with Extension, offering services, funding and resources to this program. They include:



Arkansas Association of Two-Year Colleges

The Arkansas Association of Two-Year Colleges (AATYC) is a private, non-profit higher education membership organization serving the educational needs of 22 two-year college students and the business/industry needs of the state. The Association facilitates the sharing of ideas, resources and opportunities among its members, and advocates on behalf of members' students. For more information, contact Dr. Ed Franklin at cfranklin@aatyc.org



Arkansas Community Foundation

A philanthropic organization formed to create and manage endowment funds for the common good, to support the development of local community foundations, to make grants, and to provide leadership for nonprofits and for collaborative efforts focused on important issues in the state. For more information, contact Chris Love at clove@arcf.org.



Arkansas Electric Cooperatives

The Electric Cooperatives of Arkansas play an active role in the community and economic development of our state. By maintaining a low cost and abundant power supply backed by an active infrastructure enhancement and business recruitment program, the cooperatives plan to keep Arkansas a vital, powerful economic opportunity for your company. For more information on economic development efforts, go to www.aecc.com/economic-development.



Arkansas Geographic Information Services

The Arkansas Geographic Information Office (AGIO) was created to educate the public and to provide information regarding land and mapping data resources to various entities throughout the state. We, the AGIO, complete state and federal spatial data projects and work in conjunction with the Arkansas State Land Information Board (ASLIB). The AGIO is organized under the Arkansas Department of Information Systems. For more information, go to www.gis.arkansas.gov or contact Shelby Johnson, Shelby.johnson@arkansas.gov.



Arkansas Human Development Corporation

A nonprofit corporation that provides a wide variety of services to disadvantaged farm workers and other citizens, seeking to improve the quality of life of individuals, families, and communities through collaborative initiatives. For more information, contact Clevon Young: cyoung@arhdc.org.



Arkansas State Chamber of Commerce/Associated Industries of Arkansas

The State Chamber/AIA are sister organizations committed to the continual enhancement of the economic climate of Arkansas. We are a network of companies working together for a lower cost of doing business, fairer taxes, fairer regulations and less regulatory paperwork. For more information, contact Randy Zook at rzook@arkansasstatechamber.com.



Arkansas Science and Technology Authority (ASTA)

The Arkansas Science & Technology Authority (the Authority) was created by statute in 1983 with the mission to bring the benefits of science and advanced technology to the people and state of Arkansas. This mission is addressed by strategies to promote scientific research, technology development, business innovation, and math, science and engineering education. For more information, go to <http://www.asta.arkansas.gov/communities.html>



AT&T Arkansas

A private sector provider of telecommunications services in Arkansas and provider of several community and economic development initiatives. For more information, contact Melinda Faubel, melinda.faubel@att.com.



University of Central Arkansas Center for Community and Economic Development

The Center for Community and Economic Development (CCED) is a part of the University of Central Arkansas' Outreach and Community Engagement Division. CCED manages the Community Development Institute Central, supports Arkansas communities and community developers, and helps represent the university in its community engagement efforts.



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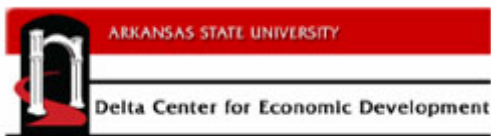


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Delta Center for Economic Development Arkansas State University

A center dedicated to assisting business and industries in northeast Arkansas. The Center also assists communities, carries out economic development programs and serves as a liaison with the resources of the university. For more information, contact Jerry Smith – jerrys@sioux.astate.edu.



Hubbell and Associates

A consulting firm that provides research, strategic planning, facilitation, design, and project development services for a client base that includes city governments, state agencies, private foundations, businesses and nonprofit organizations. For more information, contact Ken Hubbell – khubbell@khubbell.com.



Teamwork Arkansas

Entergy's Office of Economic Development

Teamwork Arkansas is one of the largest private-sector economic development initiatives in the country. Teamwork Arkansas partners with communities to create wealth and raise the standard of living for the citizens of Arkansas by providing professional and resourceful expertise in business recruitment, marketing, planning and research. For more information, contact Sherry McDonnell, smcdonn@entergy.com.



UALR Institute for Economic Advancement

An academic institute dedicated to support the economic advancement of Arkansas through providing information, research and training for businesses, governmental units, nonprofit organizations and private individuals throughout the state. For more information, contact Terre McLendon - tamclendon@ualr.edu.



UALR Institute of Government

An institute formed to provide teaching, research and public service in public administration, survey research, volunteer management and local government education for elected officials, policy makers and citizens in Arkansas. For more information, contact Roby Robertson – rrobertson@ualr.edu.



UALR Arkansas Small Business Technology and Development Center

A statewide program, in partnership with the U.S. Small Business Administration that provides management and technical assistance to small businesses. The services provided are individual small business consulting, training and seminars, and access to a small business research center. For more information, contact Timothy Lee –tmlee@ualr.edu.



University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture Cooperative Extension Service

The mission of the University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture Cooperative Extension Service is to provide research-based information through non-formal education to help Arkansans improve their economic well-being. With offices in all 75 counties, our faculty and staff provide research-based educational programs in family health and nutrition, youth education and leadership, agriculture production, and community and economic development. For more information, contact mpeterson@uaex.edu.

Breakthrough Solutions Advisory Council

The Breakthrough Solutions Advisory Council consists of partner volunteers who meet several times each year to review program development, make recommendations for program direction, and guide special projects such as the annual conference. The list of Advisory Council members follows:

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Chris Love, Program Director	Arkansas Community Foundation
Clevon Young, Executive Director	Arkansas Human Development Corporation
Shelby Johnson, State GIS Coordinator	Arkansas Geographic Information Service
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