

19th Annual
Missouri Chamber Day at the Capitol
Wednesday, February 17, 2010
Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City

Morning Agenda -- Discuss Business Concerns

8:00 a.m. Welcome

Dan Mehan, President and CEO of the Missouri Chamber

8:10 a.m. Banking in Missouri

Forbes magazine ranked three of Missouri's banks ranked in the top 10 in the nation. How are they helping Missouri's business community? Executives from UMB, Commerce and Central Bancompany will discuss the credit market, potential reforms, future investments, TARP money and economic development.

9:15 a.m. Economic Development Initiatives

Hear about the bills filed to strengthen business opportunities in Missouri. Senator Tom Dempsey, Rep. Tim Flook and David Kerr, DED director, will focus the discussion on the MOSIRA, data centers and much more.

9:45 a.m. Opportunities and Pitfalls for Economic Growth

What works? What doesn't? What can we do better? Chris Chung, Missouri Partnership and Jason Hall, Missouri Technology Corporation will share their insights and lessons learned.

10:30 a.m. The Cost of Doing Business

Taxes have a significant impact on the business community. Beth Cooley, Council on State Taxation (COST), will not only look at the national level, but break it down to the nuts and bolts of our state tax policy to include the unclaimed property tax.

11:15 a.m. The State of the State Budget

After weathering the worst economic downturn in recent history, the budget is sure to be the most talked about issue facing this Session. You will hear from the people that look at the state budget day in and day out. Linda Luebbering, Dan Haug and Larry Schepker will bring you up to speed on what to expect in the months ahead.

12:00 p.m. Lunch

The Governor has been invited to share his vision for 2010.

1:00 p.m. Lobbying 101

There is much work to be done at the Capitol. The Governmental Affairs team will highlight the Missouri Chamber's legislative agenda. You'll see firsthand why we have been voted the strongest advocacy group in the Capitol! Review our strategy for grass roots lobbying before knocking on the legislators' doors.

Afternoon -- Grass roots lobbying in the Capitol

The leadership of the General Assembly will speak to the Missouri Chamber at 2:00 p.m. in the House Lounge. At 2:30 p.m. you will have the opportunity to knock on the doors of the General Assembly and make your voice heard on behalf of all businesses in the state of Missouri.

Evening -- Reception with the Legislators

A special reception will cap the day at 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. at the Capitol Plaza Hotel. Statewide elected officials and all 197 members of the Missouri General Assembly are invited to attend.