



# Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission

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## News & Updates: July 27, 2012

### Position Opening: Project Manager - Appalachian Partnership for Economic Growth

Appalachian Partnership for Economic Growth (APEG) are looking for individuals that are highly motivated and ready to hit the region running. What's more, since they will be placing these positions strategically around the Appalachian Ohio region, people you know in your local community that would be good prospects most likely would not have to relocate if hired.

APEG intends to hire up to three Project Managers. Each will be tasked with identifying and managing projects in a specific geographic portion of the APEG region. At this point we think those areas will roughly correspond to the OMEGA, Buckeye Hills and Ohio Valley Local Development District regions.

In addition to managing projects in their assigned areas, the individual may have a focus on a specific economic development assignment that could take them across the entire region (i.e. Site Selection). Most importantly, these individuals will be responsible for identifying growing businesses and helping the region prosper.

Project Managers will spend most of their time out in their service area interacting with companies and local economic development officials on a daily basis. This position will be the ground-level JobsOhio presence in the region, so the pace will be fast and the expectations high. [Click here for the description for up to three Project Manager positions with the Appalachian Partnership for Economic Growth \(APEG\).](#)

### Position Opening: Program Specialist - OSU South Centers

The Ohio Department of Development has contracted with the newly formed JobsOhio entity in our region, Appalachian Partnership for Economic Growth (APEG), to deliver a new manufacturing service. The Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) program is a federal resource found in many states, Ohio has several existing programs, but none solely focusing on the Appalachian region. APEG has contracted with the three incubators in the region, The OSU Endeavor Center, The OU Innovation Center and the Muskingum County Business Incubator to each host one position to deliver these new MEP services to our region. The three individuals selected will work together and our intent is to find three individuals with complementary skills so they can service all of our counties with specialization in various areas. The OSU South Centers position will cover 11 counties: Clermont, Brown, Adams, Highland, Ross, Pike, Scioto, Lawrence, Vinton, Jackson and Gallia and provide support services to the other two programs when specialization is needed. [Click here to see the job posting and brief description.](#)

### FY 2012 SAFER Grant Application Period Opens

Applicants may now prepare and submit SAFER Grant applications via the online [AFG e-Grant Application portal](#).

**The deadline for submitting applications is Friday, August 10, 2012, 5 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time.**

Visit the [AFG/SAFER website](#) for important instructions and information, including the applicant tools listed below.

#### **Tools for All Applicants:**

[FY 2012 SAFER Grants Program Guidance](#)

[FY 2012 SAFER Grants Get Ready Guide \(General\)](#)

#### **Tools for Hiring Grants Applicants**

[FY 2012 SAFER Grants Get Ready Guide \(Hiring\)](#)

[FY 2012 SAFER Grants Self-Evaluation Sheet \(Hiring\)](#)

#### **Tools for Recruitment and Retention Grant Applicants:**

[FY 2012 SAFER Grants Get Ready Guide \(Recruitment and Retention\)](#)

[FY 2012 SAFER Self-Evaluation Sheet \(Recruitment and Retention\)](#)

[Video: SAFER Grant Recruitment and Retention](#)

#### **SAFER Grants Application Help Desk**

If you have any questions about applying for a SAFER grant, call or e-mail the SAFER Grants Help Desk. The toll-free number is 1-866-274-0960, and the e-mail address is [firegrants@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:firegrants@fema.dhs.gov).

**Hours of Operation:** Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time

### REDESIGN OF THE FEMA AND AFG WEBSITE

As early as tomorrow, July 20, a new, redesigned version of the FEMA website will be launched, and a new version of the AFG website will be launched at the same time. The changes will make the website more user friendly and easier to navigate.\* Here are some important points to remember about the redesigned website:

When you go to [www.fema.gov/firegrants](http://www.fema.gov/firegrants), you will be automatically redirected to the new AFG landing page.

- **SAFER applications that are in process will not be affected by the website redesign.**

The E-Grant application link (<https://portal.fema.gov/famsVuWeb/home>) will not be affected. Grantees will still be able to submit applications for FY 2012 SAFER and submit all payments/reports as usual. The internal link for the AFG system should continue to function normally too.

- Everything associated with the current SAFER application period and AFG awards (Current – 2010) should be available on the new site. This includes the Guidance document, Self-Assessments, etc.

- Although the most important AFG web pages will be available right away, not all of the former AFG website's content will be. Why? Because our former site was developed using a different platform and the site did not transfer. However, our site is in the process of being rebuilt, and we are working as quickly as possible to transfer the rest of the AFG content to the redesigned website.

The redesign of the FEMA and AFG website is a work in progress, and we will be working as quickly as possible to sort out any technical problems that may result.

If you have trouble finding what you need on the new AFG website, contact the Help Desk toll-free at 1-866-274-0960.

\*FEMA wants your views about the newly designed FEMA website. Please send your comments to [FEMA-New-Media@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-New-Media@fema.dhs.gov).

### AFG 2012 CALENDAR

**NOTE: All information, including dates and projected application periods are subject to change. When a conference is listed, the AFG Program either will be exhibiting and/or giving a presentation or workshop.**

#### **AUGUST**

August 1-4, 2012. AFG Program Staff present "AFG Town Hall Discussion" and "Best Practices for Recruitment and Retention (SAFER) and Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S): Getting Your Grant Funded," at [Fire-Rescue International](#), Colorado Convention Center, Denver, CO.

**August 10, 2012, 5 p.m. ET: Deadline for submitting FY 2012 SAFER Applications.**

#### **SEPTEMBER**

FY 2012 AFG and FY 2012 SAFER Grants: *Award announcements are expected to begin and will continue until all available grant funds have been committed.*

#### **OCTOBER**

FY 2012 FP&S Grant application period (tentative)

### Upcoming Ohio Events

**August 1, 2012** – The Columbus Council on World Affairs will host a program on **Accelerating Sustainable Growth Around the World**. This will feature Peter Bakker, President of the World Business Council for Sustainable Development. To register, visit <http://columbusworldaffairs.org/2012/august-1-2012>.

**August 8, 2012** – The SBA will host the **HUBZone Boot Camp** in West Chester, Ohio. This program is designed to introduce, determine eligibility, and support businesses interested in the Historically Underutilized Business Zone program. To register, contact [Jill Nagy-Reynolds](#) at 614-469-6860 ext. 238.

**August 15, 2012** – The SBA will host the **HUBZone Boot Camp** in Dayton, Ohio. This program is designed to introduce, determine eligibility, and support businesses interested in the Historically Underutilized Business Zone program. To register, contact [Jill Nagy-Reynolds](#) at 614-469-6860 ext. 238.

**August 17, 2012** – The International Trade Assistance Center (ITAC) at Wright State University will host a series of workshops on Understanding ITAR requirements. This session's topic is **Completing the Commodity Jurisdiction Request**. To register, please visit [www.sbdcwsu.com](http://www.sbdcwsu.com).

**August 21, 2012** – Xavier University will be hosting a 12-part series for the Medical Device Industry on Design Controls. This session will focus on **Design Planning and Design History File**. To register, please visit [www.qrainstitute.com/module-2-design-planning-and-design-history-file](http://www.qrainstitute.com/module-2-design-planning-and-design-history-file).

**September 5, 2012** – The SBA will host the **HUBZone Boot Camp** in Columbus, Ohio. This program is designed to introduce, determine eligibility, and support businesses interested in the Historically Underutilized Business Zone program. To register, contact [Jill Nagy-Reynolds](#) at 614-469-6860 ext. 238.

**September 12-13, 2012** – The Cincinnati U.S. Export Assistance Center in conjunction with the Bureau of Industry and Standards (BIS) will host a seminar on **Complying with U.S. Export Requirements** in Cincinnati. This program will cover the information exporters need to know to comply with U.S. export control requirements on commercial goods. To register, please visit [www.ohiodec.org](http://www.ohiodec.org) or call 513-684-2944.

**September 21, 2012** – The International Trade Assistance Center (ITAC) at Wright State University will host a series of workshops on Understanding ITAR requirements. This session's topic is **Export Licensing Application Process**. To register, please visit [www.sbdcwsu.com](http://www.sbdcwsu.com).

**September 21-28, 2012** - The Ohio Department of Development in partnership with the Council of Great Lakes Governors is leading a multi-sector **Trade Mission to the United Arab Emirates and Qatar** for small- to medium-sized exporters. The mission will be making stops in Dubai and Abu Dhabi, UAE and Doha, Qatar. For more information, please contact [Emily Tucker](#) at (614)466-5336 and visit [www.IMAGE.development.ohio.gov](http://www.IMAGE.development.ohio.gov) to apply for a 50% reimbursement!

**September 2012** – The SBA in collaboration with SCORE, SBDCs, and the FBI will host a "road show" of seminars on **Cyber Security** presented by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). These FREE events will take place in Cincinnati (9/24), Dayton (9/25), Columbus (9/26), and Chillicothe (9/27). These seminars are non-technical and will discuss the threats that small businesses face and how to mitigate their impact. Registration details will be coming soon.

**September 23-26, 2012** – The FDA and Xavier University will host the **FDA/Xavier University Global Outsourcing** Conference in Cincinnati. This event is for the Pharmaceutical industry on the challenges of maintaining product safety amidst complex global outsourcing supply chain models. To register, please visit [www.XavierGOC.com](http://www.XavierGOC.com).

**September 25, 2012** – Xavier University will be hosting a 12-part series for the Medical Device Industry on Design Controls. This session will focus on **Design Inputs**. To register, please visit [www.qrainstitute.com/module-3-design-inputs](http://www.qrainstitute.com/module-3-design-inputs).

**September 26, 2012** – The SBA in collaboration with Columbus State Community College, the U.S. Department of Commerce, and other partners will host an **Export Matchmaker** in Columbus, Ohio. This event will feature a trade show, one-on-one meetings with Export Management/Trading Companies, and breakout sessions on various international topics. For more information, please contact [Alex Kohls](#) at 614-633-6372.

**September 26, 2012** – The SBA in collaboration with Edison Community College SBDC will host the **HUBZone Boot Camp** in Sidney, Ohio. This program is designed to introduce, determine eligibility, and support businesses interested in the Historically Underutilized Business Zone program. To register, contact [Jill Nagy-Reynolds](#) at 614-469-6860 ext. 238.

**October 20, 2012** – The International Trade Assistance Center (ITAC) at Wright State University will host a series of workshops on Understanding ITAR requirements. This session's topic is **Putting It All Together: Export Compliance Systems**. To register, please visit [www.sbdcwsu.com](http://www.sbdcwsu.com).

**Small Business Development Series** – The Small Business Administration (SBA) in conjunction with the Ohio Small Business Development Centers (SBDC), SCORE, Ohio's Minority Business Enterprise Division, and other local partners are offering a FREE 6 month resource training seminar series. Each individual seminar is designed to enhance the setup and/or growth of your small business concern. These seminar series will be offered in Cincinnati, Columbus, Dayton, and Mansfield. To register, please contact:

- Cincinnati – [Trenise Stowers](#) at (513) 487-1155
- Columbus – [Robin Wotring](#) at (614) 469-6860 ext. 282
- Dayton – [www.EntrepreneurOhio.org](http://www.EntrepreneurOhio.org) or (937) 281-0118
- Mansfield – [Michalina Lacy](#) at (419) 755-9011