

Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission

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More News:

OVRDC Executive Committee Meeting will be held on July 24, 2014 at 1:30pm at the OVRDC Office in Waverly, Ohio

Save the Date

OVRDC Full Commission Meeting will be held on September 19, 2014 in Jackson County, Ohio.

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2015 History Fund Grants

The Ohio History Connection Local History Office recently announced that the application for 2015 History Fund grants is now available. To apply, visit www.ohiohistory.org/historyfund and click on "History Fund Application." Applications are due September 3 by 11:59 p.m.

To help you with the application process, there will be "History Fund Help" webinar on August 6 from 10-11:30 a.m. The webinar is free, but registration is required by the Friday before it is held. Register online [here](#).

Ohio Township Sign Safety Grant Program

The complete information regarding Ohio's Township Sign Safety Grant Program is available on the Office of Local programs website at:

http://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/Planning/LocalPrograms/Pages/Township_Sign_Safety_Grant_Program.aspx

If you have questions about the Township Sign Safety Grant Program after reviewing the information available at the link above, please feel free to contact Victoria Beale at Victoria.beale@dot.state.oh.us or 614-466-3129.

Upcoming Export & Business Assistance Events in Ohio

Below is a list of upcoming events in Ohio. For more information or to register, please use the links below. Thank you.

July 21, 23, and 24, 2014 – The Food Export Association of the Midwest USA will be hosting a series of **Midwest Buyers Missions** in Grand Rapids, MI, Milwaukee, WI, and Chicago, IL. These events allow businesses to position themselves and their products in front of international buyers who are looking for the latest food trends and products from the U.S. To learn more and to register, please visit [here](#).

July 24, 2014 – The Ohio Aerospace Institute, the U.S. Department of Commerce, the Export-Import bank of the U.S., the Ohio Development Services Agency, and the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) will be hosting a seminar on **International Trade Finance for U.S. Exporters** in Cincinnati. This event will educate attendees on the various aspects of trade finance and how it can help companies increase their international sales. To learn more and to register, please visit [here](#).

July 26, 2014 – The National Urban League will be hosting an **Entrepreneur Summit** in Cincinnati. This FREE event will feature a full day of workshops, resources, and networking that will help launch or take your business to the next level. To learn more and to register, please visit [here](#).

July 30, 2014 – The Ohio Development Services Agency (DSA) and Kegler Brown will be hosting **Conducting Business in Japan: An Overview of Export Opportunities** in Columbus. This seminar will cover issues important to companies looking to export products and services, and expand business operations in Japan. To learn more and to register, please contact [Ashton Lahman](#) at 614-255-5515.

August 21, 2014 – The World Trade Center Kentucky will be hosting **Kentucky World Trade Day 2014** in Lexington, KY. This event will honor the World Trade Center Kentucky's 25th Anniversary, as well as provide opportunities to network and gain expertise from trade experts. To learn more and to register, please visit <http://kyworldtradeday.com>.

September 9-10, 2014 – The U.S. Commercial Service will be hosting **Discover Global Markets: Free Trade Agreements** in Detroit, MI. This event will feature industry panels, market entry and risk mitigation strategies, leveraging free trade agreements, and one-on-one meetings with international trade diplomats. For more information and to register, please visit [here](#).

September 12, 2014 – The Japan Society of Greater Cincinnati will be hosting a **JASGC Business Culture Seminar** in Cincinnati. This half-day workshop will educate attendees on working effectively with your Japanese business partner. Registration will open on August 1, 2014.

September 16, 2014 – The India-US Business Network will be hosting **The Kode Journey; heritage, family, Cincinnati, and the first elected Indian born Coroner in Hamilton County** in Cincinnati. This event will

feature Dr. Lakshmi Sammarco, M.D. and she will discuss how to adapt to different business practices and cultures. To register for this event, please visit www.iusbn.org/iusbn.

October 7, 2014 – The Columbus Council on World Affairs will be hosting a **Signature Luncheon** in Columbus. The topic for this luncheon is *Human Trafficking Global Injustice* and will feature the Chief of Mission – Accra, Ghana for the International Organization for Migration. To register for this event, please visit [here](#).

October 8, 2014 – The Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation, the Northwest Ohio Hispanic Chamber, and Grand Aire will be hosting the **Great Lakes Business Connection** in Toledo. This event highlights the strengths, capacities, and abilities of small businesses in providing goods and services to large corporations on a local and international scale. This event will feature matchmaking, a tradeshow, and workshops. For more information, please call 419-327-8988.

October 22-23, 2014 – The Dayton Regional Manufacturer's Association (DRMA) will be hosting the **2014 Advanced Manufacturing Technology Show** in Vandalia. This event is the region's ONLY annual advanced manufacturing and technology-specific trade show of its kind. AMTS provides attendees the opportunity to learn more about the technologies shaping the future of manufacturing through a trade show and various seminars. To learn more or to register for this FREE event, please visit www.daytonamts.com.

October 30, 2014 – The Hispanic Chamber Cincinnati USA will be hosting the **2014 Dinner Gala** in Cincinnati. This event will feature the Ambassador of Colombia to the United States, His Excellency Luis Carlos Villega. More information will be forthcoming.

Small Business Development Series – The Small Business Administration (SBA), SCORE, and the Small Business Development Centers are pleased to provide another great training series. This Small Business Development Series is a six months of FREE resource training seminars. Topics include *The Resource Network, Starting Right and Beyond, Access to Capital, Credit Report/Credit Score, Small Business Marketing, and Small Business Procurement*. The series is being provided in four areas around Ohio:

Cincinnati – Held on the 4th Friday of the month from April to September. To register, please contact [Trenise Stowers](#) at 513-487-1155.

Columbus – Held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month from May to September. **Please note that April's training is on Thursday April 10th. To register, please contact [Robin Wotring](#) at 614-469-6860 ext. 282.

Dayton – Held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month from April to September. To register, please call 937-281-0118 or visit www.entrepreneurohio.org.

Mansfield – Held on the last Wednesday of the month from April to September. To register, please contact [Michalina Lacy](#) at 419-755-9011.

Bureau of Worker's Comp (BWC) – The BWC will be hosting **Destination: Excellence** seminars throughout the State of Ohio. These FREE seminars will focus on safety and return-to-work options for businesses. To learn more and to register, please visit [here](#).

SBA Export Express Program – The Small Business Administration (SBA) has suspended the guaranty fee and on-going fee for loans under \$150,000. This guaranty fee suspension will remain in place until September 30, 2014. Basically, this provides a savings for the small business of the 2% guaranty fee and a savings for the lender of the 52 basis points on-going fee. For more information, please contact Mr. Patrick Hayes, International Trade Finance Manager-Eastern U.S. at Patrick.hayes@sba.gov or 216-522-4731.

Small Business Seminars – The Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at Columbus State Community College offers many seminars and workshops to small businesses in the region. Topics include certifications, mentoring, social media, business strategy, finance, and more! To learn more about these events, please visit [here](#).

Upcoming International Trade Missions – The Ohio Development Services Agency provides numerous opportunities to companies interested in participating in international trade missions. To see a list of upcoming missions and how to register, please visit [here](#).