

TREEDC

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TENNESSEE WELCOMES OUR GUESTS OF THE PHILIPPINES INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Philippine community and university leaders will converge to TREEDC Members Tennessee Tech University and the City Cookeville for the TREEDC Inaugural Renewable Energy Conference from October 12 to 14. The delegates will also tour various TREEDC businesses and projects from all over the state. The objectives of this visit are to generate continued good will and advance further outreach and business development opportunities for the Philippines and Tennessee.



TREEDC – Maritime Academy of Asia and the Pacific 2014 forum

The delegation will discuss Philippine best practices and offer strategies to help deploy more renewable energy in Tennessee and the Philippines. The delegation is set to visit include the following representatives:

Naga City Philippines Mayor John Bongat
Maritime Academy of Asia and the Pacific President VADM Eduardo Ma. R. Santos AFP(Ret)
Philippine Association of Extension Program Implementers, Inc President Dr. Angelica M. Baylon , Maritime Academy of Asia and the Pacific
University of Pasig City Philippines President Dr. Amihan April Alcazar
Attorney Richard Anthony D. Alcazar (Tan Acut Lopez and Pison Law Offices)
Technological University of the Philippines President Dr. Adora S. Pili
Technological University of the Philippines Director of international Linkages Dr. Gina Lapaz-Basa
Philippine Department of Science and Technology Regional Director Dr. Victor Mariano
Philippine Electronics and Communication Institute of Technology President Romeo Zerrudo
Philippines GNN News Network General Manager/Central Bicol State Univ. Fred Perdon
Philippine Normal University Vice President Rebecca C. Nueva Espana
Philippine Normal University Executive Director Marites C. Geronimo
Polytechnic University of the Philippines Vice President Dr. Manuel Muhi
TREEDC International Director Douglas Jackson

Upcoming Events

TREEDC-TTU International Renewable Energy Conference

October 12-14.

TREEDC Annual Board Meeting

November 20, 2014

TREEDC 2015 Membership Drive

December 1, 2014

TREEDC FOUNDING MEMBER GIBSON COUNTY UTILITY DISTRICT BREAKS GROUND ON ENERGY COMPLEX

On September 23, 2014, the Gibson County Utility District (GCUD) Board of Commissioners broke ground on the Gibson County Energy Complex. The \$1.5 million natural gas fueling station is located at the corner of North College Street and the Highway 45W Bypass in Trenton, adjacent to the Utility District home office.

“Today Gibson County Utility District takes a visionary leap into America’s transportation history with an eye on sustainability and the environment with the construction of the greenest natural gas refueling station in Tennessee,” said Pat Riley, TREEDC Board Member/ GCUD General Manager. “Today we break ground for the economic future and well being for the people of Trenton and Gibson County, regionally for West Tennessee, and America.”

The Gibson County Utility District has committed to converting its entire fleet to NGVs in the next five years, and Riley proudly drives his NGV pickup truck all over the county and state to promote the energy source that could drastically reduce America’s dependence on foreign oil.

To build the Gibson County Energy Complex, the first natural gas station between Memphis and Nashville, Riley and the GCUD Board of Commissioners sought advice from the brightest minds in the business and formed relationships with state environmental leaders to create a model for the state and entire nation. A natural gas generator will provide power for the station, and two 50-ft. banks of solar panels (made in America) will provide lighting. Crews will install an electric grid that should be the final backup, which means on a typical day, the station will leave a carbon footprint of zero. The district will also utilize pervious concrete, which traps 50 percent of moisture to retain storm water runoff. Congratulations to GCUD!



TREEDC Board Member Pat Riley (center) breaks ground with Gibson County Utility District Officials

TREEDC MEMBER CITY COLLIERVILLE WINS “BEST MAIN STREET IN AMERICA”



Parade Magazine has announced that Collierville is the winner of “America’s Best Main Street!” Out of thousands of entries, Collierville was chosen as a finalist among 15 other towns including Georgetown, Texas; Corinth, Mississippi; Flagstaff, Arizona; Siloam Springs, Arkansas; and Montpelier, Vermont. The bracket-style voting took place online where participants were asked to vote for their favorite town.

“It was incredible to see the community rally to push Collierville toward the first place,” commented Mayor Joyner. “Not only are we ‘America’s Best Main Street,’ but we also look forward to shar-

ing our wonderful community with the rest of America through Parade magazine. Thank you to every person who cast a vote in this contest!”

Parade Magazine says: “In the summer, neighbors gather on the Collierville square, a picturesque park at the heart of the community, for free concerts. Local pride springs from the town’s rich history but also its promising future: Since the 1990s, the population has tripled as corporations like FedEx have moved to town, and the local economy is thriving. But the success of downtown is no accident. Credit also goes to a roster of programs that promote smart development.”

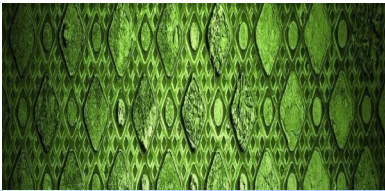
PATHWAY LENDING AWARDED \$1.75 MILLION TO EXPAND SUPPORT OF

The U.S. Department of Treasury’s Community Development Financial Institutions Fund awarded \$195.4 million to CDFIs across the country to increase their lending and investments in low-income and economically distressed communities. Pathway Lending is among just 38 business loan funds to be awarded in the FY 2014 round, and is the only recipient in the State of Tennessee. These grants invest in and build the capacity of CDFIs, like Pathway Lending, empowering them to grow, achieve organizational sustainability, and contribute to the revitalization of their communities. The funds will enable Pathway Lending to expand its capacity to provide affordable financial products and services to small and growing businesses in Tennessee.

Pathway Lending’s working capital loan products, which were launched in 2012, provide funds to bridge the gap between payables due now and receivables that slow-paying customers won’t remit for 30 days or more. These loan products are suitable for businesses of all sizes and are particularly beneficial to high-growth companies with more than \$100,000 in receivable financing needs.

The expanded working capital loan products will help additional businesses realize business opportunities that come with having cash on hand—such as supplier discounts—and gain a competitive advantage with extended credit terms. To learn more about Pathway Lending’s financial products & services, contact Hank Helton, Senior Vice President at (615) 425-7171 or Hank.Helton@PathwayLending.org





TREEDC INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS DIRECTOR DOUG JACKSON METS WITH NAGA CITY, PHILLIPINES OFFICIALS



TREEDC International Affairs Director Doug Jackson recently spent 5 days in Naga City from August 27-31 meeting with local and national government officials, local business companies, and providing a presentation on behalf of TREEDC at the Bicol Business Week Renewable Energy forum sponsored by the Metro Naga Chamber of Commerce. Additionally, Jackson was featured on a 30 minute live interview on GNN TV.



THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE AND TREEDC INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM RECEIVES NATIONAL RECOGNITION

The University of Tennessee Institute for Public Service (IPS) and TREEDC recently earned a nomination as a finalist for the University Economic Development Association (UEDA) award of Leadership and Collaboration. Each year, universities and organizations across North America submit nominations for innovative programs that focus on developing economic prosperity in their communities and beyond. A panel university and economic development professionals have chosen 19 finalists from the group of nominated projects.



UT-IPS Assistant Vice President Chuck Shoopman and TREEDC President James Talley

IPS and TREEDC were recognized for their innovative international exchange program which builds a bridge of economic development and educational opportunities for stakeholders in Tennessee and the Philippines. The University of Tennessee MTAS Consultant/TREEDC Director Warren Nevad and TREEDC President/Ducktown, Tennessee Mayor James Talley gave a presentation in Santa Fe, New Mexico on September 29, 2014.

The UEDA awards are designed to help accelerate these programs by recognizing cutting edge initiatives, and to promote their adoption by other universities and communities. Program categories include: Community Connected Campuses, Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Leadership and Collaboration, Research and Analysis, Talent Development.