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Lincoln Trail Named Outstanding SDA Sherry Johnson Recognized

On November 21, the Workforce Development Cabinet and Office of Training and ReEmployment held their annual Kentucky JTPA Awards Luncheon at the Holiday Inn in Frankfort. The Lincoln Trail Service Delivery Area (SDA) was the proud recipient of four awards which are as follows. Outstanding SDA: The Purchase/Pennyriple SDA nominated Lincoln Trail for this award, recognizing the fact that they had successfully overcome many obstacles in the past two years; Outstanding JTPA Job Training Program: the Springfield Healthcare Training School has successfully trained many individuals to become certified nursing assistants. Their caring and dedicated staff was recognized for making the program such a success. Outstanding JTPA Alumni, Calvin Fitzhugh of Radcliff, participated in Lincoln Trail SDA's on-the-job training program. Mr. Fitzhugh was trained in motorcycle repair and is currently working full-time for a local motorcycle shop. Outstanding JTPA Professional: **Sherry Johnson**, Associate Director of the Lincoln Trail SDA, has worked for the Service Delivery Area since 1985. Ms. Johnson's commitment to and belief in the JTPA Program was cited as a major factor in the success of the program. Ms. Johnson was recognized for her efforts to ensure that the customer comes first and that the SDA is able to provide cost-efficient, quality training programs. The Lincoln Trail SDA is pleased with what has been accomplished during the 1995-96 program year.

Our Congratulations to Gene Spragens, Jr.

Mr. Gene Spragens, Jr. became President of the Graduate School of Banking of the South (GSB) for a two year term beginning in 1997. He is currently a member of the Board of Trustees of the GSB at Louisiana State University from which he graduated in 1975.

LTADD PRESENTS INNOVATION AWARD WINNING PROJECT AT NADO ANNUAL TRAINING CONFERENCE

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The Lincoln Trail Area Development District recently participated in the National Association of Development Organizations' (NADO) 29th Annual Training Conference in Hilton Head, SC. LTADD was recognized with an Innovation Award for their Lincoln Trail Regional World Wide Web Page Development Project, and members of the staff presented a summary of the project to the meeting's participants during a roundtable session.

"NADO congratulates Lincoln Trail Area Development District for their efforts in bringing innovative solutions to local challenges," NADO President Leland D. Tillman said in presenting the 1996 Innovation Awards during the conference. "Ideas Worth Sharing: Innovative Approaches and Best Practices" was the theme of this year's meeting, attended by over 600 economic development professionals, elected officials and others.

Each year NADO recognizes economic development and community programs that are innovative approaches to problem solving at the regional and local level. Innovation roundtables at NADO's annual training conference, as well as the publication of a special report distributed to development practitioners throughout the United States, allow organizations like Lincoln Trail Area Development District to share their outstanding work with other development professionals.

NADO promotes economic development in America's small cities and rural areas. Since its founding in 1967, NADO has been the nation's leading advocate for a regional approach to economic development. NADO members are regional development organizations and others, like Lincoln Trail Area Development District, who give economic and community development assistance to local governments and the private sector. Through meetings, seminars and publications NADO provides a network for professional and local elected officials to share information about innovative, practical approaches to economic development.

New Phone System

The Lincoln Trail Area Development District purchased a new phone system in November due to excessive maintenance cost on the outdated system. The new system is Norstar from GTE which has many helpful and innovative features, one of which is voice mail. If you are unable to personally speak with a staff member, the voice mail provides a way to leave a detailed message. We believe the new system will allow us to serve you in a more proficient manner. Should you need to contact a staff member, following is a list of personnel and their extensions:

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FYI

The unemployment rate in the Lincoln Trail District went up from 4.7% in October to 5% in November. LaRue County's 3.8% was the district's lowest jobless rate, while 5.6% in Marion County was the highest. The monthly sample of people drawing unemployment benefits showed that 35% had worked in manufacturing, 20% in construction, 18% in trade and 14% in services. (Reprinted from the 1/3/97 Workforce Development Cabinet News Release).

"The shortest distance between two points is always under construction"

- Noelle Alito

1997 KY Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Economic Development Program

TRADITIONAL

Those projects which specifically address the creation of jobs for persons of low and moderate income through the provision of assistance to specific industrial and/or commercial clients

NON-TRADITIONAL

Those projects that do not fall in the "norm" of typical economic development projects, but substantiate and address a need which is significant to the economic development efforts of the community. These projects will allow for the funding of eligible activities benefiting low to moderate income persons that may not directly relate to job creation, including but not limited to job training and placement or other support services including peer support, counseling, child care, and transportation.

MICROENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT

Those projects that are designed to assist in the building of capacity of local communities and community based organizations in developing and supporting micro-businesses. Microenterprise Development is defined as a commercial enterprise which has five or fewer employees, one or more of whom owns the venture. Eligible applicants must exhibit the ability to capitalize a microenterprise loan pool from revenue sources other than CDBG.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Economic Development	July 1, 1996 - May 15, 1997
Non-Traditional	October 15, 1996
Microenterprise Development	November 15, 1996

GRANT CEILINGS

Economic Development	
Traditional	\$1,000,000
Non-Traditional	150,000
Microenterprise Development	50,000

SPLIT OF TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE

Economic Development	
Traditional	\$8,850,000
Non-Traditional	750,000
Microenterprise Development	250,000

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New Members Of the General Assembly

The Lincoln Trail Area Development District would like to welcome the newly-elected members of the LTADD General Assembly "Family."

Rep. Joseph "Jodie" Haydon, Jr. (District 50) of Bardstown, who will represent **Bullitt** and **Nelson** Counties.

Rep. Dottie Jean Sims, (District 19) of Horse Cave, who represents **Edmonson**, **Hart** and **Larue** Counties.

Rep. John "Mike" Weaver, (District 26) of Radcliff, who will represent **Hardin** County.

They join the following, current members of the General Assembly that have either represented the various Districts that comprise the LTADD or now have Lincoln Trail counties in their District as a result of legislative re-districting:

- 5th Senate District - Sen. Virgil Moore (**Breckinridge, Grayson, Meade, Hart & Ohio**)
- 10th Senate District - Sen. Elizabeth Tori (**Hardin**) LTADD Board of Directors.
- 14th Senate District - Sen. Dan Kelly (**Larue, Marion, Nelson, Spencer, Taylor, & Washington**)
- 17th House District - Rep. Willard C. "Woody" Allen (**Butler, Grayson & Hardin**)
- 18th House District - Rep. Dwight D. Butler (**Breckinridge & Ohio**)
- 24th House District - Rep. William U. Scott (**Casey, Marion & Pulaski**)
- 25th House District - Rep. Jimmie Lee (**Hardin**) LTADD Board of Directors
- 27th House District - Rep. Mark S. Brown (**Hardin & Meade**)
- 54th House District - Rep. Joe Clarke (**Boyle & Washington**)

We congratulate all of the successful candidates and look forward to working with them, as well as the incumbents on the multitude of regional issues that lie before us.

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Contact: The Lincoln Trail ADD for more information (769-2393)



The LTADD's Planner's Pulse

Kentucky's Scenic Highways & Byways

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Division of Transportation Planning has set its next deadline for the Scenic Highways and Byways applications for March 3, 1997. The Scenic Highways and Byways program was established by the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) of 1991 with the criteria to be set by the States.

A Scenic highway or byway has roadsides or viewsheds of aesthetic, cultural, historical, and/or archaeological value worthy of preservation, restoration, protection, and enhancement. Scenic highways would be roads which meet the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) guidelines for highways and are state maintained as part of the State Primary Road System. These roads would carry greater traffic volumes at higher travel speeds than the scenic byways. Scenic byways would be roads of lower traffic volumes and slower travel speeds. These byways would not necessarily be state maintained; however, safety of travel would be the prime consideration.

The Transportation Cabinet envisions a Scenic Highways and Byways Program based on strong local and/or regional support and commitment. Applicant groups are to unite public and private support and resources along the route. They are to prepare the application for designation of the route as part of the state scenic program. Applicant groups will have primary responsibility for the ongoing monitoring of the scenic qualities of the viewshed or adjacent land areas.

The Scenic Highways and Byways Program is a unique opportunity for government, private citizens and organizations through cooperative efforts to protect the state's natural scenic resources, promote tourism, foster associated economic development, and maximize the potential of little traveled or bypassed roads. If you would like more information concerning Kentucky's Scenic Highways and Byways Program, please feel free to contact LTADD and ask for Mike Skaggs.



COMPREHENSIVE PLANS COMPLETED

At its November Quarterly meeting, the Lincoln Trail Regional Planning Council reviewed newly completed Comprehensive Plans from **Meade County** and **Nelson County**. Both counties have experienced increased rates of growth during the past five years, and will be utilizing the planning process in order to accommodate such growth. Both county plans were endorsed by the Planning Council.

Meade County is beginning the planning process within the unincorporated portions of the county, as implementation steps are in the initial stages. Nelson County began organized planning over twenty years ago, and has learned many lessons along the way. They have a planning staff to implement their plan update.

The next Regional Planning Council Meeting will consist of a discussion regarding manufactured housing development issues. It is hoped that a representative from the Manufactured Housing Institute will present advances in the industry and how they fit into the existing guidelines. This meeting will be held on February 27, 1997. For further information contact LTADD and ask for Andy Nevin, Regional Land Use Planner.

Regional Transportation Committee Develops High Priority List

The Regional Transportation Committee has been working over the past few months to develop priorities for all unscheduled highway projects in the district. At a November 26 meeting, the committee developed a high priority list of projects. From the high priority list, the committee also developed a "Top Ten" list as required by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet.

In order to develop this list, each county was given an opportunity to put its top priority on the list. The two remaining projects were filled by the ranking of a list of projects that have an overall regional impact. Those rankings were compiled by the LTADD staff with the top two being added to the "Top Ten" list.

LINCOLN TRAIL AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT HIGH PRIORITY HIGHWAY PROJECTS					
STATE LRP CONTROL NUMBER	COUNTY	ROUTE	LENGTH	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	TOTAL COST \$MILs
04 014 D0079 2.00	Breckinridge	KY 79	9.7	Reconstruct from KY 259 to US 60 at Hamed.	29.2
04 043 B0062 12.00	Grayson	US 62	3.6	Construct Bypass on NW side of Leitchfield.	6.0
04 047 B0031W 37.00	Hardin	US 31W	1.5	Major widening to 6 lanes from US 31W Bypass to N of Towne Mall in Elizabethtown (MP 18.81 to 20.33).	2.0
04 062 D0210 65.00	Larue	KY 210	7.2	Reconstruct from Morning Star Road to KY 1618 at Hodgenville.	12.0
04 078 D2154 80.00	Marion	KY 2154	3.0	Northern Lebanon Bypass-Extension of Teledyne Access Road from KY 55 to US 68 W of Lebanon.	3.0
04 082 D0144 87.00	Meade	KY 144/ KY 448	6.9	Reconstruction from US 60 to KY 1638 at Brandenburg (NW KY 313 Corridor).	20.0
04 090 B0031E 92.00	Nelson	US 31E	5.4	Major widening from KY 509 near Cox's Creek to KY 480 near High Grove.	13.0
	Washington	US 150	14.5	Reconstruct from Springfield to KY245 near Bardstown.	58.0
04 043 D0259 17.00	Grayson Breckinridge	KY 259	13.2	Reconstruct from Leitchfield to KY 79.	39.8
04 014 B0060	Breckinridge Meade	US 60	10.0	Reconstruct from Irvington to KY 144 in Meade County.	21.1

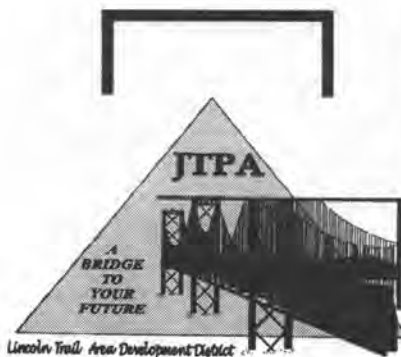
Funding is once again available to Kentucky non-profits and local governments through the Affordable Housing Trust Fund (AHTF). The Trust Fund was created by the Legislature in 1992 to address critical housing needs for very low-income Kentuckians who are below 60% of the statewide median income. Funds are provided from the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the Kentucky Housing Corporation.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND Request For Proposals

willingness to serve very low-income persons, additional funds leveraged, construction costs, geographic distribution, permanency and affordability of housing and housing/services experience.

The Kentucky Housing Corporation (KHC) suggests all new applicants attend the application workshop offered on Tuesday, January 21, 1997 from 1 to 3 p.m. to discuss the application process. The application workshop will take place at the KHC St. James Offices in Frankfort. To make reservations to attend please call Natalie Hutcheson at 502-564-6171 at least three days in advance of the workshop. All applications must be postmarked or hand delivered to the Kentucky Housing Corporation by February 21, 1997. For more information and/or to receive a copy of the application packet, please contact LTADD at 502-769-2393 and ask for Carol Becker.

The funds will be made available to local governments, housing authorities, nonprofit organizations and/or statewide housing assistance organizations on a statewide competitive basis. Projects will be selected based on area need, community cooperation,



Employment & Training News

LIFE SKILLS UPDATE

During the month of October, a Life Skills course was taught in conjunction with a dietary tray line training course held at Kentucky Technical Vocational School. The participants were all enrolled in the JOBS program. Attendance was high and consistent. Thirteen individuals received training on how to measure and prepare meal trays for individuals in nursing homes or hospitals. Along with job training, participants also attended the Life Skills course. Students were amazed at the amount of information they learned from the course, as well as how to apply what was learned to their every day lives. Several participants have gotten jobs using the skills learned in the Life Skills course.

In December, we held Certified Nurse Aide (CNA) training along with the Life Skills component. Participants who attended this training are still involved in the CNA training but had many good things to say about the Life Skills course. One participant wrote, "It helped me learn how to communicate with people better, ask better questions and to find out more about the job I'm applying for." Another comment made by a student was "I think I can make better choices in my life." All participants stated that they would recommend this course for anyone who was job searching. Everyone who does attend the course has a positive outlook on the future. With a little support and encouragement along with proper job training, we believe they can become self-sufficient, happy individuals.

Open Houses Held

On December 12, 1996, the Work, Opportunity, and Resource Center in **Leitchfield** held its annual open house. The open house was attended by local officials, representatives from various local agencies, and the general public. Employment Specialist/Instructor Angela Jones did a fine job in preparing the facility and refreshments for the event. The Work, Opportunity, and Resource Center is a GED and Employability program serving **Grayson County**.

The Springfield Healthcare Training School's Annual Open House was held on Tuesday, December 17, 1996. The school has a holiday open house every year to show their appreciation for those affiliated with the school. This year's was a great success.

JOBS Fair Held

The Lincoln Trail Area Development District JOBS program has been extremely busy during this fourth quarter. A JOBS fair was held in **Nelson County** on Tuesday, November 25, 1996, at the Kentucky National Guard Armory in Bardstown. Approximately 30-35 employers participated and all of them were looking for prospective employees. There were 300 people in attendance of which approximately 50 were JOBS clients. The Fair was a success, bringing the community together in a joint effort to make the public more aware of hiring practices. We are currently in the planning stages for the next JOBS Fair to be held in **Hardin County** during the first quarter of 1997.

We also held a Short - Term Training class in conjunction with KY Tech. The food prep class had eight JOBS clients enrolled and two of them were employed at the completion of the training session and three more clients have had interviews with prospective employers.

PIC Private Industry Council QUARTERLY REPORT

The Private Industry Council extends its congratulations to the Employment and Training Staff for the past year's accomplishments. In return, the council is proposing some new goals of its own for the next year. These goals are: to increase the percentage of PIC member attendance to 75%; be recognized at the JTPA Annual Awards again; have more alumni be recognized at the JTPA Annual Awards; Lincoln Trail Private Industry Council designated as the best PIC in the state; and meet all six mandated performance standards. A decision will be made on these proposed items at the next scheduled meeting on January 15th at 5:00 pm. The PIC is also in the process of filling vacant seats from the district.

AGING PROGRAM Update

Cuts in State Aging Funds Impact Frail Elderly

In November, the Cabinet for Families and Children notified Area Development Districts statewide of an eight percent reduction in funds for the provision of Adult Day, HomeCare, and Supportive Services. For the Lincoln Trail District, this reduction amounted to \$75,390. With demand exceeding the availability of services prior to our reduction of funds, we will now be facing a much more severe waiting list, reduction in services existing clients are receiving, and a freeze on any new clientele.

For the past several years, we have been serving increasingly frail people with a minimum of services; reduction of any of this support will have significant impact on these individuals. As our population of elderly citizens continues to increase, our concern grows as to availability of resources to maintain the quality of life expected by all of us as we age.



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| <i>January</i> | <i>28</i> | <i>Economic Development Cabinet Meeting, Pritchard Community Center, Elizabethtown</i> |
| <i>February</i> | <i>5</i> | <i>One-Stop Meeting, Labor Market #7 (1st Wednesday of each month at 2:00 p.m., Eastern Time)</i> |
| | <i>7-11</i> | <i>National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) Policy Conference, Washington, DC</i> |
| | <i>17</i> | <i>President's Day, LTADD Office Closed</i> |
| | <i>12-14</i> | <i>Kentucky County Judge/Executive Association Conference, Bowling Green</i> |
| | <i>19</i> | <i>LTADD Board of Directors Meeting</i> |
| | <i>19-21</i> | <i>Kentucky Industrial Development Council (KIDC), Louisville</i> |
| | <i>26</i> | <i>Lincoln Trail Municipal Clerks Association Meeting (4th Wednesday, 10-12 noon, Eastern Time)</i> |
| | <i>27</i> | <i>Lincoln Trail Regional Planning Council</i> |
| <i>March</i> | <i>5</i> | <i>One-Stop Meeting, Labor Market #7</i> |
| | <i>6</i> | <i>JOBS Council Meeting</i> |
| | <i>19</i> | <i>LTADD Board of Directors Meeting</i> |
| | | <i>Private Industry Council Meeting (3rd Wednesday of the odd numbered months at 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time)</i> |
| | | <i>Lincoln Trail Aging Advisory Council</i> |

Since most dates are tentative, please refer to meeting notices or call the LTADD office for correct dates, times and locations prior to traveling to attend.





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