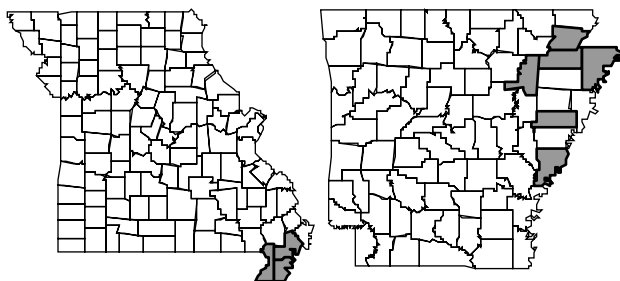
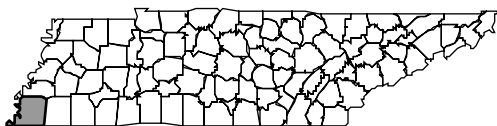


Workforce Opportunity for Rural Communities (WORC) Grants

Period of Performance 09/30/19- 09/30/22 	Approved Amount \$2,324,336 
Planned Participants 1,310 	Target Population Dislocated Workers 



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Arkansas Delta Workforce Opportunity for Rural Communities (ADWORC)

AR counties: Craighead, Mississippi, Greene, Crittenden, Jackson, Saint Francis, Phillips; MO counties: Pemiscot, Dunklin, New Madrid; TN county: Shelby

Background

The Workforce Opportunity for Rural Communities (WORC) is an initiative of the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration (ETA) in partnership with the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) and Delta Regional Authority (DRA). The WORC initiative enables impacted communities to develop local and regional workforce development solutions aligned with existing economic development strategies and community partnerships to promote new, sustainable job opportunities and long-term economic vitality.

Proposal Summary

Recent economic improvements have created a labor shortage in the Arkansas Delta. This ADWORC initiative represents a model to increase labor capacity by tapping a human resource to advance economic development and favorably impact poverty reduction in the process, as well as reskilling workers dislocated by labor market turbulence.

Proposed Outcome

The ADWORC initiative will increase the labor participation rate by preparing new entrants to the workforce, particularly persons from impoverished backgrounds and those formerly incarcerated, and dislocated workers for jobs in high-demand fields. The project focuses on 14 counties in Arkansas, Missouri, and Tennessee.