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**Senator Announces Missouri Senate  
Job Creation 2020 Committee Hearing in Kansas City**  
*Panel Meeting is First in a Series Across the State*

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JEFFERSON CITY — Sen. Tom Dempsey, R-St. Charles, announced this week that the [Senate Job Creation 2020 Committee](#) will conduct a hearing beginning at 9 a.m., Wednesday, September 30, at Rockhurst University's Finucane Center, located in the lower level of the Greenlease Library at the Kansas City campus.

The Senate Job Creation 2020 Committee is responsible for developing a long-term strategy for increasing economic prosperity and opportunities for Missourians. They are tasked with recommending tools to help existing businesses grow and attracting new businesses to Missouri. The committee will meet from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday and hear from industry leaders in the fields of engineering, energy and small business. Representatives from Kansas will also speak about successful programs enacted in that state to spur economic development. Plus the committee will learn about the Proteon Therapeutics story as well as the Kansas City Science Initiative. The event will end with the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation discussing how to create an entrepreneurial environment. A preliminary agenda is attached. For more details on the Senate 2020 Committees, visit [www.senate.mo.gov](http://www.senate.mo.gov) and click on the "2020 Committees" link.

**KANSAS CITY SENATE JOB CREATION 2020 HEARING**

**WHO:** Senate Job Creation 2020 Committee  
**WHAT:** Informational Meeting  
**WHERE:** Rockhurst University, Finucane Center,  
1100 Rockhurst Rd., Kansas City, MO 64110  
**WHEN:** WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 9 A.M. TO 5 P.M.  
**THOSE PRESENTING:** SEE ATTACHED PRELIMINARY AGENDA

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**SENATE JOB CREATION 2020 COMMITTEE**  
**KANSAS CITY MEETING**

**Rockhurst University**  
**Wednesday, September 30, 2009**  
**9:00 am – 5:00 pm (tentative)**

**Preliminary Agenda**

9:00 a.m.–9:05 a.m.	Welcome	Father Thomas Curran, President Rockhurst University
9:05 a.m.–9:10 a.m.	Remarks from Chair	Senator Tom Dempsey
9:10 a.m.–10:00 a.m.	Review of Process and Schedule	Christine Roberts, Roberts & More LLC
10:00 a.m.–10:45 a.m.	Engineering	Scott Smith, Senior Vice President, HNTB Corporation
10:45 a.m.–11:00 a.m.	Break	
11:00 a.m.–11:45 a.m.	Energy	Michael Helmstetter, Senior Vice President & Director of Research Operations, Midwest Research Institute
11:45 a.m.–12:15 p.m.	Lunch	Sponsored by Greater KC Chamber
12:15 p.m.–1:15 p.m.	Small Business	Karen Zecy, Vice Chair for Small Business, Greater KC Chamber of Commerce
1:15 p.m.–2:00 p.m.	Kansas Economic Growth Act – Why and How	Former Kansas State Senator Nick Jordan Former Kansas State Rep. Kenny Wilk
2:00 p.m.–2:30 p.m.	The Proteon Therapeutics Story	Dr. Nicholas Franano, Founder and Chief Scientific Officer, Proteon Therapeutics
2:30 p.m.–3:00 p.m.	Kansas City Science Initiative	Dr. Keith Gary, Director of Program Development, Kansas City Area Life Sciences Institute
3:00 p.m.–3:15 p.m.	Break	
3:15 p.m.–4:00 p.m.	KC Smart Port	Chris Gutierrez, President
4:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.	Creating an Entrepreneurial Environment	Robert E. Litan Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation

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