

Delta Regional Development Unit Reports

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Executive Summary

Delta Regional Development encompassed three entities during this reporting period: The Center for Community and Economic Development, The Delta Center for Culture and Learning, and the Office of Grants and Contracts. Each entity had its own Director, although the Director of Grants resigned at the beginning of February and has not yet been replaced. Separate Unit Reports were filed for each entity.

The Center for Community and Economic Development is a primary community outreach effort of the University. It is home to major grant funded service programs that place AmeriCorps/VISTA workers in communities throughout the region. Its primary goals for last year were: To revitalize communities by providing effective and efficient programs in community service for youth, mentors, emerging leaders, local government and non-profit organizations, and to build partnerships with communities, regional organizations, community colleges, the private sector and other institutions of higher education that will create a sense of community, which is consistent with the Center's Mission.

Major goals for this current year are: To deliver services and programs that maintain the identify of individuals, promote inclusion and foster appreciation among all members of the University and the Delta region and to develop marketing strategies that will increase the awareness and value of the Center to the community.

The Delta Center for Culture and Learning is another primary community outreach effort of the University. Its programs are also grant funded. Its primary goals for last year were that its primary workshops and after school programs would receive continued grant support from the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the National Geographic Society, and the Institutes of Higher Learning, that the Year of Delta Heritage would be successful, and that DSU students would participate in service learning and volunteerism efforts.

Major goals for the current year include further funding for, and completion of, workshops and programs and the successful management of The DSU Year of Partnerships.

The Office of Grants and Contracts supports grant writing throughout the University and maintains records of grants receipts. Its goal for last year was to increase grants, and it has a similar goal for the current year.