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A [public hearing](#) for the development of a new coordinated plan for higher education in Missouri will be held Feb. 5 in Columbia.

The hearing is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the University of Missouri, Memorial Union, Mark Twain Ballroom, 518 Hitt Street, Columbia, Mo.

Panel discussions and presentations will address:

- The linkages among entrepreneurship, university research and economic opportunity
- Partnerships and collaboration among Missouri colleges and universities
- The State of Missouri Higher Education

The public testimony period will begin at 3:30 p.m.

The plan is being developed by the Missouri Coordinating Board for Higher Education and the Department of Higher Education with assistance from a [steering committee](#) of 36 individuals representing education, business and government. The last plan was adopted in 2008.

Nine public hearings are being held from December 2014 through June 2015 across the state to gather information and public testimony.

Public testimony also can be submitted on the Department of Higher Education's website at: www.dhe.mo.gov/blueprintcomments.php.

More information about the development of the plan and the public hearings is available at dhe.mo.gov/blueprint.php.