

TCEDA's TRACKING...



TCEDA Regional Map

Tri-County Economic Development Alliance (TCEDA) is an independent, nonprofit economic development corporation that proactively seeks to build business and employment opportunities for the economic growth and social well-being of people.

We lead, advocate, assist and encourage businesses, counties, communities and organizations in Jo Daviess, Carroll, and Whiteside Counties in Northwest Illinois.

Glossary - What is Leadership Training?

Leadership training refers to any activity that enhances the quality of leadership within an individual or organization. These activities range from MBA-style programs offered at university business schools to action-learning courses and executive retreats. Business Resource Center Leadership Roundtable participants become very aware of local issues and gain the leadership skills needed to develop and execute relevant solutions.

The year-long program begins with a 2 1/2 day retreat in late

Leadership Training Scholarships Available

January 7, 2014 - The Business Resource Center (BRC) recently received a significant donation of funds to be used as scholarship money for the 2014 Carroll County Leadership Roundtable. The program fee of \$1200 is reduced to \$700, as the scholarship funds will pay the \$500 materials portion of the fee.

The purpose of the Roundtable program is to strengthen community leadership by providing concerned Carroll County residents with knowledge and tools for effectively addressing local economic development issues. The program, in partnership with Highland Community College (HCC), has been successful for over 20 years in Stephenson and Jo Daviess Counties. The first annual Carroll County Leadership Roundtable, also in partnership with HCC, was equally successful, graduating nine well-equipped leaders from the three credit hour program.



2013 Carroll County Leadership Roundtable Graduates from l to r: Bruce Lally, Driftless Area Stillroom; Russ Simpson, Business Resource Center, Facilitator; Pati Johnson, Johnson Creek Hardwoods; Paul Skoog, Compliance Signs; John Huggins, Mayor of Lanark; Cindi Wiersema, City of Mt. Carroll; Matthew Toland, Campbell Center Asst. Director; Angie Field, Mirror-Democrat; Elly Chambers, Photography by Elly. Absent: Craig Mathers, West Carroll Superintendent; Tim Hood, Highland Community College Co-Facilitator

For more information or to register for the program, contact Russ Simpson, Principal Consultant & Facilitator at the BRC at 815-858-4295 or russimpson99@gmail.com.

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Land Conservation Tax Incentive Expires

January 1, 2014 - The Mississippi River Cities & Towns Initiative reports that the Land Conservation Tax Incentive, responsible for conserving 12 million acres since its inception in 2006, has expired.

January, followed by one-day sessions each month, each in a different community. A formal graduation banquet takes place in November. The three credit hour program is co-sponsored by the BRC and Highland Community College.

The enhanced easement incentive program increased a landowner's tax deduction for their easement donation by 20 to 70 percent depending on the donor's qualifications.

The Land Trust Alliance estimates that donated easements could decline by 300,000 acres per year without the incentive in place. Mississippi River states have particularly high participation in the incentive program especially Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Illinois, and Missouri. Over half of the members of Congress whose districts border the Mississippi River have signed-on as co-sponsors to legislation to renew the incentive.

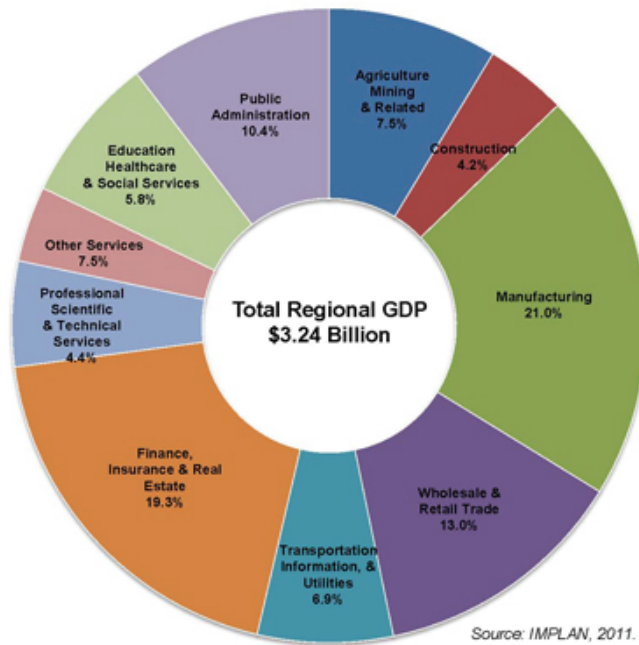
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Northern Illinois University Presents Regional Data

December 19, 2014 - Norm Walzer, Senior Research Scholar and Brian Hager, Research Associate at Northern Illinois University, have partnered with TCEDA to present *Business Trends in Northwest*.

The graph below details the industries which comprise our regional output in Jo Daviess, Carroll and Whiteside Counties for 2011 (most recent data available).

Gross Regional Product by Industry, 2011
TCEDA Region



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Norm Walzer, will be presenting more information from the study at the TCEDA Conference & Annual Meeting on March 20 at Chestnut Mountain. For more information on the Conference email info@tceda-nwil.org or call 815-858-4491.

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TCEDA welcomes new member Jo Carroll Depot Local
Redevelopment Authority (LRA). We appreciate your support!

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Thanks to Pam Brown, Executive Director of the Savanna Chamber
of Commerce, for the opportunity to present on economic trends at
their meeting on February 4. We also appreciate Mayor Wayne
Raisbeck's invitation to present at the Annual Warren Community
Event on February 12.

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Special thanks to Chris Blumhoff from the Illinois Manufacturing
Excellence Center for meeting to explain how this nonprofit can assist
manufacturing businesses in our region with advice and resources.
Visit their web site at www.imec.org.

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We welcome ideas from members and non-members. Let's execute
to succeed!

Sincerely,

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