



TCEDA's TRACKING...

TCEDA Year-in-Review for 2014

December 31, 2014 - As we close 2014, TCEDA thanks its members for their commitment to economic growth in Northwest Illinois. With your assistance, and assistance from our partners, TCEDA



TCEDA Regional Map

The Tri-County Economic Development Alliance, Inc. (TCEDA) is a independent, private, nonprofit 501c(6) corporation formed to develop regional public/private partnerships to promote and encourage economic development in Jo Daviess, Carroll and Whiteside counties.

By combining the strengths of our businesses, counties, communities and organizations, we can compete globally for business expansion opportunities, and attract and retain businesses *to improve the quality of life for our residents.*



- crafted a new vision and mission statement, and defined new goals.
- designed activities that are innovative, more proactive and targeted to the needs of businesses with assistance from our community partners.
- seated a new, inclusive Board representing 13 industry sectors and all three counties in the region. Three Board members renewed for new three-year terms.
- collaborated with the Local Redevelopment Authority (LRA) to assist in expanding existing businesses and attracting new industries to the Savanna Depot Park.
- hosted our first, ever National Manufacturing Day for nearly 170 students from seven high schools, who toured six regional manufacturers and learned about career paths in their own backyard.
- assisted nearly 50 local businesses hosting workshops on how to register for government contracts for Thomson Prison with another 50 businesses educated on retail sales opportunities with relocators.
- provided business planning and financial resources for start-up and small businesses in the region.
- hosted its first ever Conference, *the Collaboration Economy*, with national and regional speakers and 80-90+ percent positive feedback.
- worked with Rentech Nitrogen and Tessengerlo Kerley to facilitate a new, \$20M manufacturing plant in East Dubuque with 16 new full-time employees.
- facilitated the rapid response and advocated for additional Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) Program assistance for Robertshaw employees.
- is currently working with a site selector to facilitate foreign investment to our region with an opportunity pending for a new approximately \$3.5M plant with 15 new full-time employees and 20 contractors.
- collaborated with Jo-Carroll Energy and Dairyland Power to offer federal funds for local businesses for loans at 0% for up to 10 years, up to \$1 M for qualified businesses.
- added 12 new members.
- formed two volunteer committees to tackle the tough



economic issues including workforce development and to advocate for changes at the state level to help our region compete in a global marketplace.

TCEDA is just getting started! We have an ambitious plan for 2015 to continue and expand on the foundation we built in 2014. With the help of our Board of Directors, our community partners and our members, we continue to strive for even bigger economic gains. Thank you!

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Save the Date!

TCEDA's Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 19 from 11:30 - 1:00 p.m. at Woodbine Golf Course.

Quick Links

www.tceda-nwil.org

www.bop.gov/jobs

www.usajobs.gov

www.sam.gov

www.fedbizopps.gov



John R. Mecklenburg, CFRE, Retired Executive Vice President & CEO, SwedishAmerican Foundation in Rockford, IL. will be our keynote speaker.

During his tenure, The Foundation's assets grew from \$2.8 million to more than \$17 million, while investing more than \$25 million of donor generated gifts in the local community. A signature project of his tenure was a \$4.6 million renovation

and restoration of an 81-block area surrounding SwedishAmerican Hospital. Prior to joining SwedishAmerican, Mecklenburg spent 20 years in fund development and public relations at public and private institutions of higher education.

Mecklenburg currently serves as a fund development, public relations and marketing consultant to nonprofit and for-profit clients, in addition to teaching in the Rockford University MBA program.

Our first, ever TCEDA awards will be presented to acknowledge Business Collaboration, Nonprofit Collaboration and a Community Collaborator. Join us for lunch and networking. Registration will be available soon at www.tceda-nwil.org.

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Employment Projections for the State of IL

Long-term employment projections from the State of Illinois cover a 10 year period and are available for both industries and occupations. Projections from 2012-2022 show that the projected annual compound growth rate is highest for biomedical engineers, industrial-organizational psychologists and interpreters and translators.

Annual compound decline is projected greatest for printing pre-press technicians and workers, drilling/boring machine tool setters/operators, desktop publishers and many postal handling positions. For more information on the breakdowns visit <http://1.usa.gov/1EKBrOJ>.

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Leadership Roundtable Recruits in Carroll County

Business Support Resources and Highland Community College are partnering again to co-facilitate a 2015 Carroll County Leadership

Roundtable. The Roundtable will model the very successful Jo Daviess County Leadership Forum. It will begin with a two and one-half day kickoff retreat during early February, followed by monthly meetings, each in a different Carroll County community. A graduation ceremony during December will complete the program.

Each monthly session will focus on local community issues and the potential applicability of the well-known Kouzes and Pozner leadership model. The program is worth three credit-hours through Highland, and this year a \$500.00 scholarship is offered for up to ten participants, on a first come-first served basis. For more information call Russ Simpson at 815-858-4295.

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Regional Database for Rental Properties Available

Due to a demand for rental properties in our region, TCEDA has created a public database for relocators who are interested in finding rental properties in Northwest IL. Real estate agents, rental companies and landlords are invited to add their property information to the free, public database at <http://bit.ly/1uZAUnl>. Don't forget to update and delete the information so the database remains current. Share this link with new community members looking for rental properties. For more information email info@TCEDA-nwil.org or call 885.858.4491.

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Move Over Pablo Picasso

With interest rates at record low levels, wealthy global investors are looking at the art markets as a place for investment appreciation and appreciation for art. This year's art sales estimated at \$16 billion would be the second-highest on record and could still exceed the previous record of \$16.3 billion, set in 2011. Who was the top selling artist of 2014? Andy Warhol. Read more at Bloomberg at <http://bloom.bg/1xziCYa>.

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TCEDA thanks Mara Roche, Executive Director of the Local Redevelopment Authority (LRA) at the Savanna Depot Park for collaborating on multiple business projects! Thanks Mara!

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TCEDA thanks our Board members for their service in 2014. We appreciate all that you offer TCEDA by volunteering and sharing your expertise. Thank you John Ambrose, Tracy Bauer, Randy Boonstra, Kurt Brunner, John Cooke, Mike Dittmar, Robert Eby, William Jahnke, Joe Kanosky, Cathi Litcher, Ron Smith, Vicky Trager and especially TCEDA Chair Michael Hastings. We look forward to a successful 2015 with your help!

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TCEDA thanks all our volunteers who served on the Education/ Workforce Development and Political Advocacy Committees including Committee Chairs Scott Law and John Cox. We appreciate your expertise and time commitment to solving the big economic issues in our region!

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Welcome new TCEDA member Citizen Bank. Thanks for your investment!

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Sunset on Georgetown Road in Elizabeth, IL

Another year has passed with miles to go before we rest. We have many economic issues that need your insight and expertise to move our region to successful outcomes. If you are not a TCEDA member, consider joining our members in 2015. It's easy! Enroll at www.tceda-nwil.org or by check to TCEDA, P.O. Box 390, Elizabeth, IL 61028. Let's work together to create a welcoming business environment in Northwest Illinois!

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Don't forget to "Like" us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter for updates and economic information. Is there a topic you would like to see in our e-newsletter in 2015? Send me an email. We welcome ideas and feedback from members and non-members. Let's execute to succeed!

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