

TCEDA's TRACKING...



TCEDA Regional Map

Tri-County Economic Development Alliance (TCEDA) is a 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's an Enterprise Zone?**

An impoverished or blighted area in which incentives such as tax concessions are offered to encourage investment and provide jobs for residents.

Enterprise zones are often established in low-income areas or



Thomson Prison Update

Senate Appropriations Committee Approves Funding

July 18, 2013 - We are one step closer to activation! What a long, strange trip it has been! The Senate's FY2014 Commerce, Justice, Science and related agencies appropriations bill includes \$166.3 million to begin the activation of Thomson prison and two other prisons, acquire 1,000 private contract beds and expand a program to reduce recidivism rates. This amount would likely cover the entire cost of upgrades and renovations to the facility.

The full activation of Thomson prison is expected to take two years at a cost of \$25 million in fiscal year 2014 for upgrades and renovations and \$168 million in fiscal year 2015 for equipment and staffing. Today's legislation includes language that would require the Bureau of Prisons to notify Congress if they are not able to adhere to that activation schedule.

TCEDA hosted a workshop with our T3 Partners to educate companies on how to do business with the federal government, and presented to community groups about this opportunity. We are planning more workshops and presentations on Thomson Prison and will publish the dates and times as they become available.

We appreciate Senator Durbin and Representative Bustos' leadership and assistance to move this process forward! Contact *your* Representative and let them know that activation of Thomson Prison is important for economic development in our region!

For more information visit Representative Cheri Bustos' web site: <http://1.usa.gov/1bIWOA5>.

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State of Illinois Budgeting for Results Commission

In July 2010, Governor Quinn signed into law Budgeting for Results (BFR), a historic spending reform requiring the State of Illinois to implement a results-based budgeting process that prioritizes program effectiveness and maximizes the impact of taxpayer

places that are recovering from disasters, such as a flood or tornado. Business are encouraged, through cost savings, to hire local residents within these areas in order to stimulate economic growth.

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dollars.

Traditionally, the State's budget has been developed through incremental changes in resource allocation based on previous years' budgets, without analyzing whether programs are successful in accomplishing the objectives for which they were created. BFR provides an innovative tool for the State to not only track and understand progress towards key enterprise-wide outcomes, but to use this data to inform budgetary decisions in an era of limited government resources.

A public hearing will be held on Thursday, July 25 from 1-4 p.m. at Western Illinois University - Quad Cities Riverfront Campus. RSVPs and an electronic copy of public testimony are not required, but are requested to be sent to liana.semchul@illinois.gov. Verbal testimony will be limited to five minutes.

If your organization is involved with writing grants, this is an important meeting to attend to get an overview of the BFR requirements. Thanks to Chris Allendorf for volunteering to attend for TCEDA!

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Carroll County Board Meeting



Carroll County Board Members l to r: Ron Preston, Gary Imel, Paul Hartman, County Clerk/Recorder Brian Woessner, Chairman Kevin Reibel, County Administrator Michael Doty, Darryl Stitzel, Shawn Picolotti, Joseph Payette. Not pictured Rod Fritz and Cheryl Cole.

July 18, 2013 - I appreciated the opportunity to present before the Carroll County Board to update the members on the status of Thomson Prison, businesses we are working with to expand or relocate to our region, and researching information to obtain a new entrance sign at the Savanna Depot.

The Board offered its support for TCEDA reviewing current grant requirements to determine if they are competitive with neighboring states. We appreciate the Board's support and will report our findings.

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Northwest Illinois Business Resource Center

If you have considered starting your own business, now is a good time to think about the retail products and services that will be needed when new employees relocate to our region.

Products that will be required are multi-cultural personal items, multi-cultural food items, price competitive home improvement stores, and professional clothing stores.

Services that will be required are quality child care, rental home options, hotel/motel within government per diem, health care professionals that honor federal health insurance, recreational opportunities to include restaurants, movie theaters, and sports leagues for children and adults.

The Business Resource Center can provide a wide range of customized small business training, counseling and incubator services for start-up or expanding businesses. Schedule an appointment with Russ Simpson at 815-858-4295 or rsimpson@jocarroll.com. Visit our website www.nwilbrc.com.

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Executive Committee Meeting to be Rescheduled

July 23, 2013 - Our Executive Committee meeting will be rescheduled to allow time to meet with members to discuss the proposed Board and Committee changes, review the survey results provided by the Executive Committee, and listen to suggestions for improving TCEDA's organizational structure.

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If you are a business considering expansion, relocation or developing a new business, give us a call. We are available with tools to help you realize your vision!

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

Sincerely,

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