

TCEDA's TRACKING...



TCEDA Regional Map

Tri-County Economic Development Alliance (TCEDA) is a 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 a microbusiness?

According to the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), advocate groups typically define microbusinesses as an organization with less than five employees, and small enough to require little capital (\$35,000 or less) to get started.

Did you know nine out of every ten

Galena State Bank Invests \$50,000 in TCEDA

August 9, 2013 - The economic development resources TCEDA provides to our region would not be possible without investments from community partners like Galena State Bank.

"Galena State Bank is making an investment in TCEDA as we feel it is vital to have a driving force promoting our communities and being the catalyst for public and private partnerships," said Galena State Bank President and CEO Robert Eby.

"Community and economic development can make a significant impact on our communities from redevelopment of blighted areas, creating affordable housing, aiding the expansion of local businesses, or demonstrating to regional and national companies that the tri-county area offers many benefits for businesses relocating or adding a new location."

We thank Galena State Bank for its very generous investment and ongoing commitment to TCEDA!



Pictured: (l to r) Libby Miller, Executive Vice President, Operations, and President and CEO Robert Eby presented a check for \$50,000 to TCEDA Executive Director Lisa McCarthy.

companies in the United States is a microbusiness?



Thomson Prison Update

August 9, 2013 - Thanks to Joel Holland and Kyle Buros for hosting TCEDA at the Galena Rotary meeting. I appreciate the opportunity to discuss the economic climate in our region and the potential benefits of the Thomson Prison activation. The members had thoughtful questions and insightful information to share!



Presenting at the Galena Rotary breakfast

Now is the time to call your representative to let them know that activation of Thomson Prison is important for the economic growth of our region!

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Northwestern Illinois Business Resource Center

The Center is very excited to be working with two microbusinesses. One business is a start-up and the other is looking to expand. Russ Simpson is working with the business owners to review their ideas and their business plans to see what types of financing they will need and what

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their next steps are to move their businesses forward.

Regarding working with small businesses Simpson said, "Not only do I enjoy this sort of activity, but I think it fills an important economic development void for our area."

For information about starting a small business in Illinois visit [Starting Your Business In Illinois handbook \(PDF\)](#) from the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity (DECO).

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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Special thanks to Norm Walzer, Senior Research Scholar in the Center for Governmental Studies, for spending some time this week to talk about economic development issues. We discussed pressing issues and brainstormed some ideas for consideration at our annual meeting in the first quarter of 2014.

Look for more information on the annual meeting in future emails!

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Special thanks as well to Steve Barg, Executive Director for the Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation, for his information and insight into the local foods movement. I look forward to meeting with him to learn more and hope to help local businesses incorporate local foods into the procurement process at Thomson Prison when activated.

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

Sincerely,

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