

## 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 trade mission?**

A trade mission is an international trip by government officials and businesspeople that is organized by agencies of national or provincial governments for purpose of exploring international business opportunities.



### Thomson Prison Update

September 5, 2013 - The West Carroll Intermediate School was crowded with Thomson Village officials, other local officials, interested citizens and many members of the press to listen to an update on the activation of Thomson Prison.

Sen. Richard Durbin detailed his commitment to the project and explained that a continuing resolution was likely but that "the federal government owns the prison now" and it should not sit empty. He introduced Rep. Cheri Bustos who spoke about working with other members of Congress to secure the funding for the prison.

William Dalius, Jr., Assistant Director of the Administrative Division, Bureau of Prisons, traveled from Washington D.C. to talk about the need to relieve overcrowding, especially in maximum security prisons. Approximately 300 employees would be hired in the first round once the funding is allocated. A Warden and Assistant Warden would then begin to hire correction officers and other positions including administrative, janitorial, food service, medical and mechanical staff.



From l to r: Representative Cheri Bustos and Senator Richard Durbin

## Quick Links

[www.tcedaonline.com](http://www.tcedaonline.com)

[www.bop.gov/jobs](http://www.bop.gov/jobs)

[www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov)



Thomson Village President Vicky Trager

A question and answer session followed. Dalius recommended the [usajobs.gov](http://usajobs.gov) web site for employment postings after activation.

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### *State of Illinois Trade Missions*

September 4, 2013 - The Illinois Office of Trade & Investment has released its [schedule of trade missions](#) beginning October 2013 - June 2014.

Illinois companies who qualify for trade missions could be eligible for:

- Trade show booth space to exhibit products
- 25-75% reimbursement of travel costs for hotel and airfare
- Matching appointments for partners, agents, distributors
- Briefing materials
- Interpreter services if required
- Group ground transportation to programmed events
- Assistance with travel logistics

Space is limited to a small group of Illinois companies. Please contact the Trade Specialist listed on the schedule regarding your company's eligibility and participation requirements.

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### *Town Hall with Representative Mike Smiddy*

August 21, 2013 - Fulton Chamber of Commerce hosted a Town Hall meeting with Illinois Representative Mike Smiddy at the Agri-King's Del Curley Conference Center. Rep. Smiddy shared personal experiences of owning a family farm and advocating for agricultural

issues. Topics of discussion included Route 30 expansion, opportunities for youth and the State of Illinois budget.



From l to r: Whiteside County Economic Development Administrator Betty Steinert, Fulton Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Heather Bennett, Blackhawk Waterways Executive Director Diane Bausman and Representative Mike Smiddy

Did you know that Rep. Smiddy worked as a supervisor for the Illinois Department of Corrections?

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August is a special time of the year when we get to meet our elected representatives face-to-face, ask them questions and consider the answers. We sometimes forget that this activity is not commonly practiced in other parts of the world.

We have the opportunity to hold our representatives accountable for their decisions when we choose to participate. I hope that next August the question and answers are about new topics and challenges.

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

Sincerely,

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