

What's News

Congrats to ADM!

Archer Daniels Midland Company has been named to the Forbes 2017 list of America's Best Employers.

The **Grundy County Summer Internship Program** kick off breakfast will be held on June 5th for the 2017 summer interns, supervisors, and company representatives.

Marketing Grundy County

The GEDC will host its 7th annual broker breakfast on June 7th in Oak Brook. The event provides a unique opportunity to promote Grundy County to Chicago developers, site consultants, and brokers that specialize in industrial development.

Great Lakes Basin

Great Lakes Basin Transportation Inc. filed its application recently with the Surface Transportation Board to build the Great Lakes Basin Railroad.

Prospects

Project Mitt

A DCEO prospect is looking for 500-1,000 acres on rail to build a manufacturing plant. The company would employ approximately 1,000 workers. Sites have been submitted.

Calendar

May 29	Memorial Day Office closed
June 5	Internship Kick Off Breakfast
June 7	Broker Breakfast
June 9	Executive Meeting
June 13	Finance Meeting
June 15	Full Board Meeting

Legislative Breakfast Draws Large Crowd

The GEDC hosted its annual legislative breakfast on May 8th. The panel included Congressman Adam Kinzinger, Senator Sue Rezin, Representative Lindsay Parkhurst, and Representative David Welter. Discussion topics on the federal side included proposed tax reform, free trade, and the American Health Care Act. At the state level, legislators answered questions regarding the "grand bargain," minimum wage, property tax freeze, government consolidation, and job growth/incentives. Thank you to all of our legislators for participating and to Exelon and AT&T for sponsoring the event.



Retention & Expansion Report

The GEDC Growth & Expansion Committee conducted its biennial business retention and outreach program. This program is designed to gather information and feedback from local executives and helps local stakeholders better understand the economy and business climate in the region. The report shows that existing firms continue to find Grundy County a favorable place to do business. Highlights from the retention and expansion program include:

- 70% of companies reported increasing sales
- Grundy employers continued to rank the local workforce 6 to 12% higher than Midwest and national averages
- Businesses indicated that they highly value the local infrastructure

Thank you to ComEd for their ongoing support of the Grundy County retention program. To view the report, [click here](#) or visit our website at www.gedc.com.

Welcome Macey Spencer

The GEDC welcomes Macey Spencer to the GEDC as our 2017 summer intern. Macey will participate in day-to-day support activities, prepare and update marketing materials, help with the summer internship program, and manage social media. She will also attend business meetings and functions. Macey graduated from Coal City High School and will attend the University of Southern Alabama in the fall. She plans to major in marketing. Welcome Macey!

