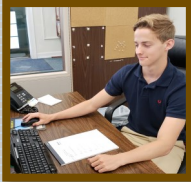


What's News

GEDC Welcomes Elam!

Elam Yost, our summer intern, will be a senior at Minooka Community High School this fall and is on the swim team and volunteer group leader at his church.



North Central Illinois Council of Governments is hosting its 2018 Economic Development Summit with guest speaker Becky McCray, national speaker on rural and small town topics. The summit is July 12 from 7:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. To learn more, visit their website at <https://www.ncicg.org/>

Prospects

The Department of Commerce has sent several RFI requests this past month:

A significant player in the alternative food and food technology sectors is seeking a location for a manufacturing facility. Sites have been submitted.

A company is looking to establish a centralized operations and processing center for its Midwest recycling business. Sites have been submitted.

A manufacturing company is looking for 60-80 acres with rail access. Sites have been submitted and a site visit has occurred.

Calendar

June 25-27 Select Chicago Conf.
July 4 GEDC Office Closed
July 13 Executive Meeting

Summer Internship Program begins its Six Year 39 Paid Interns & 15 Companies

Businesses, educators, Senator Sue Rezin, and the GEDC held a breakfast at LyondellBasell to formally recognize the 2018 Grundy County high school students that were selected to participate in the summer internship program. Congratulations to all the students, and thank you to the supporting industry leaders at:

Aux Sable	"D" Construction	First Midwest Bank
GEDC	Grundy County IT Dept.	Joliet Junior College
LyondellBasell	Mack & Associates	Metalstamp
Morris Hospital	Rezin Orthopedics	SPACECO, Inc.
U.S. Cold Storage	Village of Channahon	Village of Minooka

If your company would like to participate next year, please contact the GEDC office for further details.



Full House at Oak Brook Marketing Event

It was the largest crowd to date for the GEDC's 9th annual Industrial Broker and Developer Breakfast. Held at Ditka's in Oakbrook Terrace the focus of the morning was on marketing Grundy County to Chicagoland real estate professionals. Special thanks to Kevin Scott from Molto Properties, who provided a Chicago area industrial market overview and to Spaceco for sponsoring the breakfast. The GEDC presented an overview of Grundy County's opportunities, assets, and competitive advantages. Developers with industrial parks throughout Grundy County rounded out the program by spotlighting their parks and upcoming projects. To view the presentation [click here](#).

Good News!

U.S. manufacturing recorded its 21st consecutive month of growth in May as reported in the Institute for Supply Management. That's nearly two years of continued growth. Moreover, vacancy rates for U.S. manufacturing dropped to 3.8% well below the 10-year average of 7.3%