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Rockford, Illinois, USA Region

Fall 2015

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COMMUNITY FEATURE

Education: 5 things to be proud of in the Rockford Region



It is an exciting time on the education front in the Rockford Region. Here are five don't-miss headlines!

- Starting in 2016, students can earn **engineering degrees** in Rockford through a [partnership between Northern Illinois University and Rock Valley College](#).
- [RVC is also partnering with Saint Anthony College of Nursing](#) to offer a seamless route to a **nursing degree** in Rockford at RVC's new Health Sciences Building, which broke ground this summer.

- [School leaders from across the Midwest are coming to Rockford](#) in October to learn about Rockford School District 205's academy model and Alignment Rockford's efforts during a two-day **Alignment Institute**.
- The **University of Illinois College of Medicine at Rockford** expects to [expand residencies](#) and wants to [allow students to complete their first year of studies here](#).
- **Rockford University** [reported record-high enrollment](#) in fall 2015.

AVAILABLE BUILDINGS & LAND

NEW INDUSTRIAL



Address: [7195 Greenlee Drive, Machesney Park](#)

Total SF: 30,000, expandable

Zoning: commercial/industrial

Ceiling Height: 30' clear

Special Features: In Park 90 Corporate Center, northeast corner of I-90 and Illinois 173. 4 loading docks, 1 loading door. ESFR sprinkler. 2,000 SF office space. 400-amp electrical.

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HIGH-TECH OFFICE BUILDING



Address: [12533 Wagon Wheel Road, Rockton](#)

Available SF: 29,795 (on 3.24 acres)

Zoning: commercial

Ceiling Height: 9'

Year Built: 2007

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MIXED USE



Address: 500 18th Ave., Rockford

Total available SF: 68,000

Zoning: light industrial

Ceiling Height: 10'

Special Features: Former headquarters for large organization. Premium office space with state-of-the-art infrastructure. Easy access to Chicago Rockford International Airport.

For More Info:

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LAND



Address: [Rockton and Willowbrook Corridor, Roscoe](#)

Size: 19.5 acres

Description:

Zoned industrial-light. Interstate-adjacent industrial land in developing corridor. Next to an I-90/I-39 interchange and just south of new industrial construction.

For More Info:

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For additional properties in the Rockford area of Illinois, [search site and building listings online](#) or contact Dennis McCarthy at dmccarthy@rockfordil.com.

SUCCESS STORY: CONAGRA FOODS



150 jobs expected: 'Terrific boost' for the Rockford Region

[ConAgra Foods plans a \\$15 million expansion at its cookie-making plant](#) in South Beloit, which will nearly double its employment in the Rockford Region.

ConAgra Foods, which employs 210 people there, expects to hire 150 people through spring/summer 2016.

"The variety and number of manufacturing jobs will provide a terrific boost to Winnebago County for many years," Board Chairman Scott Christiansen said. "The

relationship between ConAgra Foods and all of the partners in the community has been extremely positive."

Learn more about [Rockforward20/20](#), a five-year plan with a goal of 10,500 new and retained jobs in the Rockford Region.

BUSINESS SERVICE SPOTLIGHT: TECHWORKS

Seeking employees who show up ... on time ... every day?
The TechWorks fast-track program is a great resource!




TechWorks is an employer-driven training organization that develops and delivers a customized curriculum to prepare people of all ages for a career in advanced manufacturing in just six to eight weeks.


Currently, two credentials are offered: **Measurement Materials & Safety** and **CNC Lathe or Mill Operator Level One**. It's a great way for workers to get entry-level skills and then continue further with specialized on-the-job or other educational training! Financial assistance is available.

Call 815.921.2192 or learn more [online](#).


UPCOMING EVENTS

 **SIOR World Conference, Oct. 8-10:** At Palmer House, Chicago. Call 630.510.4570 or check the [events page](#).

 **AIRE Lunch and Learn, Oct. 13:** The Estate by Gene & Georgetti, 9421 W. Higgins Road, Rosemont, 847-653-3333. [Register here](#).

 **Chicago Industrial Properties Transportation and Logistics Conference, Oct. 16:** At Chicago Marriott Oak Brook. [Register here](#).

 **I-39 Logistics Corridor Association's Festivus Event, Oct. 21:** 4 to 7 p.m., Hofbrauhaus, 5500 Park Place, Rosemont. Watch the [website](#) for more.

 **AIRE Holiday Party, Dec. 10:** 5 to 10 p.m., Park Ridge Country Club, 636 N. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge; [more information to come](#).

For a **comprehensive list of business-related events in the Rockford Region**, check the RAEDC's [Upcoming Events page](#).

IN THE NEWS

[ComEd recognized by Site Selection magazine](#)

The 2015 list of Top 10 Utilities in Economic Development appeared in the September edition, credited for working with partners to deliver a total projected capital investment of more than \$3 billion and nearly 22,000 new jobs across northern Illinois.

[AAR supplier event reaches 26 regional companies](#)

The event, conducted at Chicago Rockford International Airport, was designed to introduce the Rockford Region's robust supply chain to AAR, which is partnering with RFD to build a \$40 million, 24/7 facility to service next-generation, wide-body aircraft.

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ABOUT RAEDC

The primary role of the Rockford Area Economic Development Council is to collaboratively improve the economic strength of the Rockford Region by helping employers retain and create quality jobs. The [RAEDC staff](#) works closely with many partners to serve as a one-stop resource for clients, to improve the competitiveness of the region and to engage the community in the daily work of economic development.

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