

SEASON'S GREETINGS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!



'Thank you' from all of us at the RAEDC for a year of collaboration and momentum

As 2014 draws to a close, the Rockford Area Economic Development Council would like to extend warm holiday wishes to our investors, board members, solutions teams and community partners.

We also would like to take this opportunity to appreciate your hard work, leadership and community engagement. Your commitment to moving the Rockford Region forward has yielded significant results.

Projects announced in 2014 translate into:

2,500+ jobs created or retained
2,200,000 square feet of new/expanded business space
\$295 million invested in the Rockford Region

These outcomes help carry out the Rockfordward2! strategic plan and realize its five initiatives: Targeted Marketing and Recruitment; Thriving Business Climate; Quality Connected Infrastructure; 21st Century Talent; and the Emerging Opportunities Fund. We have updated our website with a [list of success stories](#) to reflect what has been accomplished through the support and collaboration of our region's

stakeholders.

Together, we can continue the momentum in 2015 for an even stronger, more sustainable economy. Together, we will Connect, Act and Thrive!

Mike, Mark, Carrie, Jimsi, Leilani, Bea, Joshua, Teri, Alyson, Terrance and Jennie



ABOUT THE RAEDC

The primary role of the Rockford Area Economic Development Council (RAEDC) is to collaboratively enhance wealth creation in the Rockford Region by helping employers retain and create quality jobs. The RAEDC works closely with many partners to learn what existing and new employers need to grow, and to serve as a one-stop resource for clients. The RAEDC seeks to improve the competitiveness of the region by taking what it learns from the region's employers, and engaging the community in the daily work of economic development.