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"From the first, we solved some of the problems for our customers. We built a reputation as problem solvers. Once the quality emphasis was established, Teresa implemented many programs and procedures to deliver the quality product. It was great to build these relationships. We were soon asked to participate in the development of parts and we helped identify problems in the design phase." - Thom Shelow, Superior Joining Technologies, Inc.

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RAEDC

The RAEDC's Position on Home Rule

Our Board of Directors confirms their support of the organization's Public Policy Priorities, "The RAEDC participates and supports decisions of the Rockford Chamber of Commerce's Government Affairs Committee when decisions are related to economic development." Based on the continued economic viability of our community, the RAEDC supports the Chamber's Government Affairs Committee decision to support Home Rule.

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Increasing the Awareness of our Region Nationally

As part of the daily work of economic development the RAEDC attends and

exhibits at trade shows and conferences throughout the year to promote our region to decision makers as an ideal place for relocation or expansion.

[2018 SCHEDULE>>>](#)

Every System Every Aircraft Needs Your Help!

Tell us how your company supports the bold statement that represents our region's Aerospace Industry - Every System Every Aircraft. RAAN and the RAEDC want to know what your aerospace capabilities include. Please, take 4 minutes to help us out.

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OUR REGION

IMA Announces ETIP Grant

The Illinois Manufacturers' Association announces the receipt of an Employer Training Investment Program grant (ETIP) for fiscal year 2018 through the Illinois Department of Commerce. Due to the mid-year release of these funds the deadline to qualify for reimbursement is quickly approaching.

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RVC Seeks Employers for Internships

Rock Valley College Career Services is interested in collaborating with local employers for the upcoming semester for internship opportunities. Learn more about participating - contact [Jennifer Wilkens](#) at 815-921-4126.

RFD Cargo Fueled by E-Commerce Reports Rockford Register Star

E-commerce fuels cargo surge at Chicago Rockford International Airport (RFD) "We're out of the peak season now and our cargo volumes aren't dropping off as they traditionally do," said Zack Oakley, the airport's director of operations.

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CFNIL Releases Fall Grants Report

During the fall 2017 grant cycle, the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois (CFNIL) awarded 79 grants, committing up to \$1,948,320, over the next three years to support nonprofit organizations in the region. This grant cycle continues a six-and-a-half decade old tradition of investing in Northern Illinois.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

RAEDC's Transition and Succession Planning - Thursday, March 1

Join John H. Brown, exit planning professional, as we unpack the critical issues of transition and succession planning for a business. Who should attend; C-Level Executives, Business Advisors, Business Owners, or Investors.

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NIU EIGERlab Innovation Tuesday - Tuesday, February 13

During February's Meetup, leading experts in this field will introduce you to the latest tools to virtually test materials and manufacturing processes such as casting and additive manufacturing.

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DFARS Compliance Training (Quad Cities) - February 19 & 20

The December 31, 2017 deadline for cybersecurity compliance with DFARS Subparts 204.73, 239.76 has passed but the requirement for Department of Defense contractors and their sub-tier suppliers to be in compliance still remains in effect.

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Northwestern Illinois Building Trades Career Expo - February 13 - 15

Hands-on activities, learn about a multitude of career opportunities, and the apprenticeship program.

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1 Million Cups - Wednesdays, 9 - 11 am

Entrepreneurs present their startup companies and learn how the community can help their business flourish. These meetings are held on a weekly basis.

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ABOUT THE RAEDC

The role of the Rockford Area Economic Development Council (RAEDC) is to collaborate with regional stakeholders to cultivate opportunities for primary job growth that increase the economic well-being of our region. The RAEDC markets the region to attract new capital investment, while assisting existing business with resources for sustainable growth. The RAEDC works closely with many partners 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. As the economic development organization for the region, the RAEDC also serves as the area's data collection agency on all new capital investment, retained and created quality jobs, and renovated commercial/industrial space.