

*DO YOU KNOW...*

## YOUR OPPORTUNITY REGION WORKFORCE



Rockford  
ILLINOIS ✈ USA

ROCKFORD AREA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

The RAEDC took a tour of the Accuride facility and sat down with Eric Pansegrau, director of operations, to discuss how Accuride retains and grows its workforce.

WATCH THE VIDEO

## RAEDC

Economic Development Week May 7 - 12

Check out our social networks to learn more about the who, what, where, and why of economic development throughout the week!

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RAEDC Attending Select USA

Nathan Bryant, president & CEO, will attend The SelectUSA Investment Summit, a high-profile event dedicated to promoting foreign direct investment (FDI) in the United States.

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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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## REGIONAL ECONOMIC IMPACT

These figures represent the region's collective successes during the *Rockforward20/20* strategic plan. The plan began in January 2016 and will continue through December 2020.

The results below are for 28 months of the 60-month *Rockforward20/20* strategic plan.



New & Retained Jobs  
4,543  
45% to goal



Capital Investment  
\$797,252,639  
86% to goal



New & Renovated  
Space  
3,033,423 square feet  
38% to goal

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## OUR REGION

### OSF HealthCare Named Best Place to Work

OSF HealthCare has been named one of the best employers in the country for 2018 by Forbes magazine, and was the highest ranked Illinois-based company earning the distinction.

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### Rockford Park District Community Engagement Sessions in May

The Rockford Park District is forming a community-involved, five-year master plan that will include recommendations to guide investment in district assets, and decisions regarding obsolete, underutilized, or non-trending parks, facilities and amenities. Expectations are to present a final master plan in August 2018. Give your feedback at a session:

- May 10, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at UW Health Sports Factory;
- May 12, 10 to 11 a.m., at Loves Park City Hall – City Council Chambers;
- May 16, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., at Loves Park City Hall - Richard Brinker Room, or
- May 19, 9 to 10 a.m., at Elliot Golf Course.

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### RACVB Designated 2017 NASC Sports Tourism Organization of the Year, Again

For the second time in three years, the Rockford Area Convention & Visitors

Bureau (RACVB) is honored to be designated the National Association of Sports Commissions (NASC) Sports Tourism Organization of the Year.

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### Project QuickStart Closes as a Win

Winnebago County Chairman Frank Haney has announced project "QuickStart" has reached a deal and will be moving ahead. Congratulations to all the organizations that have worked to make this win possible. The name of the company will be released at a later date.

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### The Project: Inside Corporate Location Decisions

The 6-year journey of Rockford's \$87.5 million Embassy Suites Hotel is featured on *The Project: Inside Corporate Location Decisions* a podcast from Development Counsellors International.

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### ETIP Grant Funding Deadline Extended

Illinois Manufacturers Association has extended the deadline for submitting training expenses until May 15<sup>th</sup>.

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### AAR Talks Workforce with Aviation Maintenance Magazine

Brian Sartain of AAR talks education to workforce development & the Rock Valley College partnership!

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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### **Cybersecurity for DoD Contractors & Sub-contractors is Critical! Are You in Compliance?**

DFARS Cybersecurity Training and Assessment - June 21 & 22

This course will focus on DFARS requirements for Government contractors and sub-contractor companies. Failure to be DFARS compliant can result in the loss of Department of Defense contracts.

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### RAEDC's Annual Meeting - November 14

Save the Date! The Annual Meeting will be held at Giovanni's on November 14th. For sponsorship information contact [Jimsi Kuborn](#).

### 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.