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Dan Schnabel moved American Control Electronics from Southern California to South Beloit in 2002. Find out why our region was the best fit and why 20% of them relocated here.

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### **Critical - Cybersecurity for DoD Contractors & Sub-contractors! 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**

**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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**Rockford Area Aerospace Network Hosts Aerospace Symposium**  
RAAN recently held its annual aerospace symposium featuring Aerospace Innovation. The symposium welcomed more than 150 attendees and nine presenters. If you missed the event check-out the recap video.

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### **Workforce Wednesdays**

Each Wednesday the RAEDC publishes articles, information, and facts about our region's workforce, workforce development, and the importance of a diversely skilled workforce. We call this #WorkforceWednesday, you can join us on our social networks.

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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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## **OUR REGION**

### **Italian Trade Agency Hosts: Innovation Day**

Happening June 29<sup>th</sup>, the Italian delegation would like to connect with regional automotive and advanced manufacturing companies. Sign-up today!

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### **PBC Linear, a Pacific Bearing Company Breaks Ground on 66,000sqft Facility**

The new, state-of-the-art building will be divided between an optimized manufacturing floor, supporting offices and mezzanine, and a cafeteria. The expenditures for the new construction will reach \$6.25 million, and the project completion date is scheduled for the 4th quarter of 2018.

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### **Aqua-Aerobic Systems, Inc. Received 2018 Governor's Export Award**

The Governor's Export Awards are Illinois' highest recognition of export achievement, honoring Illinois companies that have achieved excellence in exporting, as well as organizations that provide export assistance.

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### **Congratulations to the First Graduates of the NIU@RVC Engineering Program**

Since its launch in February 2016, student participation in the NIU-RVC Engineering Partnership has grown by 64 percent at the associates level and 180 percent at the undergraduate level.

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **RAEDC's Annual Meeting - November 14**

Save the Date! The Annual Meeting will be held at Giovanni's Restaurant & Convention Center on November 14th. For sponsorship information contact

[Jimsi Kuborn.](#)

Innovation Tuesdays - 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month, 5:30 - 7:30 pm  
Featuring different speakers, networking opportunities, and a variety of topics useful to entrepreneurs, Innovation Tuesday hosted by NIU EIGERlab, could be just the thing you need for your developing business.

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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.