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ROCKFORD AREA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

**ANNUAL
MEETING**

WEDNESDAY,
NOVEMBER 14TH

GIOVANNI'S
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CONVENTION CENTER

COLLABORATION - COMMUNITY - COMMITMENT

Meet Don Harkey, the RAEDC's Annual Meeting Keynote Speaker.

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RAEDC

Keynote Speaker for RAEDC's Annual Meeting Announced

BE THE CHANGE – THE VOICE – A LEADER: How do you intensify community growth? The answer is collaborative leadership; but who is a leader? It's more people than you think! Participants will discover what we as a community can do to own our story. No one single organization or person can be the voice alone.

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Congress Kinzinger & RAEDC Host Supplier Symposium with Airbus

This event is an opportunity for regional businesses to attend a targeted invitation for suppliers and partners who fit into the supply chain needs. Register by email to Chelsea Fray by September 10th.

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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.

OUR REGION

Add Security Assessments to Your Next DoD Contract Requirements

In addition to cost, schedule, and performance the DoD is including security for winning bid and the supply chain supporting them. Companies can no longer look at security as an unnecessary burden.

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Rockford Flag Campaign

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Advanced Manufacturing Industry Questions is it Skills or Interest?

Many industry leaders believe an interest gap is the root cause underlying the industrial skills gap. Perhaps the root cause of the skills gap is an interest gap.

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RAEDC EVENTS

The image shows a promotional banner for the Rockford Area Economic Development Council (RAEDC) Annual Meeting. On the left, there is a dark blue vertical box with the text "Rockford ILLINOIS USA" in white, with a small red star between "ILLINOIS" and "USA". Below this, it says "ROCKFORD AREA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL" in smaller white text. Further down, it reads "ANNUAL MEETING WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH" in white. To the right of this box is a photograph of a city skyline at night, with buildings and bridges illuminated and reflected in a body of water. Below the photograph is a blue horizontal banner with the text "COLLABORATION - COMMUNITY - COMMITMENT" in white, serif font.

Learn more about the Keynote Speaker! Limited sponsorship opportunities are available! For sponsorship information contact [Jimsi Kuborn](#).

The Annual Meeting will be held at Giovanni's Restaurant & Convention Center on November 14th from 5:00 - 8:00 pm.

Visit RockfordIL.com for additional information.

Airbus Supplier Symposium - September 20, 8:00am - 1:00pm

Hosted by Congressman Kinzinger & the RAEDC

This event is an opportunity for regional businesses to meet one-on-one as possible suppliers and partners who fit into Airbus' supply chain needs.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Innovation Tuesdays - 2nd 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.