

DO YOU KNOW...



Robin Young focuses on the positive changes happening in our area and encourages everyone to explore our own community.

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RAEDC

RAEDC Hosts Supplier Symposium with Airbus and Special Guest Congressman Kinzinger

Limited spaces are available for one-on-one meetings. Registered guests are also welcome to attend the opening remarks. 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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Out and About with the RAEDC

The RAEDC has been cultivating opportunities to increase our region's economic well-being. Be sure to follow us on our social networks to keep up.

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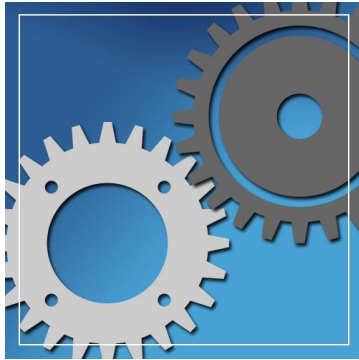
Every System Every Aircraft Needs Your Help!

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

Rockforward20/20 Progress Report

As the data collection agency for the region, the RAEDC reports on three primary economic indicators; the number of new and retained jobs, the square feet of new or redeveloped space, and the amount of capital investment.

These results include 77 projects from January 1, 2016 through August 31, 2018.



New / Retained Jobs
5,177
52% to goal



New/Renovated Space 3,845,288 sq. ft.
48% to goal



Capital Investment
\$864,665,139
93% to goal

OUR REGION

Cybersecurity and Manufacturing

Does your manufacturing company understand cybersecurity? DMDII & CIRI (Critical Infrastructure Resilience Institute at the University of Illinois), the DoD, and Dept. of Homeland Security have partnered to provide a two-day workshop Sept 25 & 26.

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How Industry 4.0 Is Solving Workforce Challenges

Forbes.com examines how the workforce skills gap can be overcome through the use of technology on the manufacturing floor. This is the first of a two-part series.

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RAEDC EVENTS



Rockford
ILLINOIS USA
ROCKFORD AREA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

ANNUAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH

COLLABORATION - COMMUNITY - COMMITMENT

Learn more about the Keynote Speaker, Don Harkey! Corporate tables and individual reservations will begin on September 15th.

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.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

NIU @ RVC Engineering Internship Fair - Wed, Sept 12, 4:00 - 5:30 pm
Meet with companies who are eager to welcome local talent to their teams. Internships provide you with invaluable real world experience, income, and a network of contacts as you earn your degree right here in Rockford
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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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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.