

*DO YOU KNOW...*



*Good Governance*

REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT POLICY

It's time our regional economic development policies match that of our success and Winnebago County is uniquely positioned to implement policies that do so.

Our region needs a steady reliable policy that ensures a clear understanding to continue our progression forward.

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## RAEDC

### RAAN Aerospace Symposium Scheduled for April

The range and awe-inspiring work completed by the companies that participate in this one-day symposium is breathtaking. Aerospace professionals need to be at this symposium.

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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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## ECONOMIC INDICATORS

These figures represent the daily collaborative work of economic development done by our community during the *Rockforward20/20* strategic plan that spans from January 1, 2016 - December 31, 2020.

The information below represents economic indicators from closed won projects from January 1, 2016 - December 31, 2018.



**Capital Investment**  
\$911,7429,123  
99% to goal



**New / Retained Jobs**  
5,412  
54% to goal



**New / Renovated Space**  
4,011,884 sq ft  
50% to goal

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## OUR REGION

### AAR's Expanded Partnership with RVC Enhances Aviation Maintenance Instruction and Students' Career Prospects

The new AAR EAGLE Career Pathway Program at Rock Valley will expand the college's aviation maintenance technology curriculum to include job shadowing, mentoring opportunities, academic support and monitoring, as well as up to \$15,000 in tuition reimbursements.

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### Call for Participants: Manufacturing Day

This event celebrates those who proudly stand behind our goods and services and provides awareness of manufacturing opportunities to the future workforce.

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### Deadline Approaching for Air Force Pitch Day Submissions

Start-ups and small businesses have until Feb. 6 to send their pitches to the Air Force. Select pitches will be sent to NYC for an expo with DoD officials and commercial partners for an award of \$158,000.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### NIU College of Engineering Spring Job Fair - Wed, Feb. 20, 10:30 am - 3:00 pm

The College of Engineering & Engineering Technology Job & Internship Fair showcases only technology and engineering student. Almost than 400 students attended the Fall 2018 Job & Internship Fair. This event is perfect for finding co-ops, internships, and part-time and full-time professionals.

[PARTICIPATION DETAILS>>>](#)

### RAAN Aerospace Symposium - Tuesday, April 23

Save the date! The Rockford Area Aerospace Network is hosting the 4th annual Aerospace Symposium! For information about sponsoring the event contact

[Anna Garrison](#).

### 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.