

DID YOU KNOW...



James Bridenstine, Administrator for NASA will be the keynote speaker at the RAAN Aerospace Symposium, he will be introduced by special guest, Congressman Adam Kinzinger (IL 16th District).

Tickets are still available to join Administrator Bridenstine, Congressman Kinzinger, presenters, and exhibitors at the 4th annual RAAN Aerospace Symposium.

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RAEDC

Spring Soirée Scheduled for May

The Board of Directors and RAEDC staff would love to see you at our spring investor event on May 14th.

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Illinois Featured In Dossier

The State of Illinois has been featured in the most recent edition of Dossier, a pull-out feature in United Airlines's *Hemispheres* in-flight magazine.

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Workforce Wednesdays

Each Wednesday the RAEDC focuses on a different aspect of the workforce topic. The most recent version includes a short video on how our region supports the 7:2:1 ratio for education and employment.

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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

Collins Aerospace Invests in Rockford Region

The \$50 million investment in the lab is part of a larger \$150 million total investment Collins Aerospace expects to make in electric systems over the next 3 years and builds on the \$3 billion it has spent on advancing its more electric architectures over the past decade.

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Superior Joining Technologies' Newest Investment Closes the Gap in Laser Welding

Superior Joining Technologies, Inc. (SJT) has acquired a new modular laser deposition technology (LDT) welding system to close a gap in their array of precision welding services.

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Estwing Manufacturing Expands

The maker of hammers, axes, and pry bars among other striking tools — is planning a \$10 million expansion of its Eighth Street facility that would keep 296 employees in Rockford and add 30 more.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

RAAN Aerospace Symposium - Tuesday, April 23

The Rockford Area Aerospace Network (RAAN) is proud to present the 2019 RAAN Aerospace Symposium with a full day of presentations and exhibitions!

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Keynote Presenter

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Spring Soirée - Wednesday, May 14

Save the Date! Join the RAEDC Board of Directors and Staff at this fun springtime affair. Bring along those that are interested in the work of the RAEDC.

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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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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.