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ALLIANCE MISSION

The Economic Alliance of Kankakee County is a public/private partnership tasked with retaining industry in and recruiting industry to Kankakee County, Illinois. Fortune 500 corporations and startups alike are attracted by our area's major market proximity, excellent workforce, low cost of doing business, natural resources including an ample water supply, elite educational institutions and workforce training programs, and outstanding transportation network. Kankakee County is currently ranked the #1 small metro for economic vitality in the state of Illinois by the Milken Institute's Best-Performing Cities index.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT/CEO

Michael J. Van Mill, MPA, CEcD, AICP

President/CEO



In 2014, Kankakee County and the Economic Alliance hit their stride. The county's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) was certified in April, setting an ambitious agenda for our organization's business expansion, attraction and community development efforts through 2019. Prime indicators in

2014 reflected our community's real economic vitality. It was not a surprise, then, when Kankakee County was recognized this year as Illinois' top small metro for economic growth by the Milken Institute. Leading \$650 million in public- and private-sector capital investment countywide in 2014, our largest industry – CSL Behring – earned an Illinois Edie Award for its \$180 million production expansion.

Looking to 2015, feedback from our largest industries tells us that hiring and expansion will continue in Kankakee County. Our community's distinct geographic, economic and infrastructure advantages – along with a supportive and responsive business climate fostered in part by the Economic Alliance – offer the return on investment that employers large and small are seeking today. On behalf of the Economic Alliance Board of Directors, staff and affiliate municipalities, I thank you for your continued partnership in building the Chicago Southland's Industry & Innovation Corridor.

#1 **SMALL METRO IN ILLINOIS:**
Job growth, economic vitality,
technology growth
best-cities.org

\$650M
2014 Total Capital Investment
Kankakee County

\$ **#9 Small Metro Nationwide for**
Cost of Doing Business
"Best Small Places for Business & Careers"
Forbes.com

1,333
2014 Total Jobs Created
or Retained

#2 **Illinois Metro**
in GDP Growth
bea.gov

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COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

COUNTYWIDE 5-YEAR GOALS

To achieve our vision, Kankakee County will focus on five general goals. Collectively, these goals will enable the county to make significant and incremental progress each year through 2019.

1. Improve Infrastructure that is critical to business growth and general welfare of the community
2. Increase and improve our investment in new employer recruitment and retention and expansion of established employers
3. Build and sustain entrepreneurship and small business
4. Promote and enhance local education and workforce development
5. Improve Kankakee County's quality of life

BUSINESS RETENTION & EXPANSION 2014

In its Business Retention & Expansion efforts, the Economic Alliance keeps its finger on the pulse of the Kankakee County business climate through regular and varied interaction with existing industrial and institutional businesses. This engagement allows our organization to set and meet our strategic retention goals, remain responsive to local marketplace needs, and identify patterns of opportunity for new business attraction. For existing employers, the Economic Alliance is a primary point of contact for:

- Financial incentives related to capital investment and job growth
- Workforce training resources
- Local demographics and employment statistics
- Utility issues
- Transportation issues
- Permitting and code coordination

In 2014, a total of 26 public- and private-sector projects throughout the county generated \$650 million in capital investment and the creation of retention 1,333 jobs. This vibrant industrial growth was reflected in the Milken Institute's Best-Performing Cities index, which positioned Kankakee County as the #1 small metro in Illinois in 2014 for success in creating and sustaining jobs and economic expansion, components of which include job, wage and salary, and technology growth.

Kankakee County's largest industry – global niche pharmaceutical leader CSL Behring – was honored with an **Edie Award** by the Illinois Chamber of Commerce and Illinois Development Council in 2014 for having one of the most significant economic impacts in the state. The Australia-based company, which has sister locations in 30 countries, has added more than 200 jobs to the

local economy since 2011. CSL Kankakee was one of only six companies in the state of Illinois to be recognized with an Edie in 2014. And, CSL continues to grow and invest in Kankakee County, announcing in Q3 2014 an additional \$240 million production expansion.



The Economic Alliance in 2014 continued to hold quarterly **Top Employer meetings** to address common local, state, regional and national issues impacting operations in Kankakee County. Topics included local and state employee training programs and incentives, and Illinois' new Firearm Concealed Carry Act. Additionally, in an effort to welcome and integrate top industry executives, the Alliance with the Kankakee County Chamber of Commerce and Kankakee County Convention & Visitors Bureau in 2014 launched the **Entrée community familiarization tour program**.

“The assistance of the Economic Alliance – in conjunction with the Grundy, Livingston, Kankakee Workforce Board – was instrumental in our recent expansion efforts to add capacity in the form of new equipment and employees at our Manteno plant,” Marty Faye, Plochman's Mustard

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COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY
2014-2019

BUSINESS RETENTION & EXPANSION GOALS

- \$500 million in new business investment
- 500 new jobs
- 300 retained jobs
- Increase the average wage rate
- Review and coordinate employer investment and job creation incentives
- Improve infrastructure to those employer sites that have good access to I-57
- Support construction of the Illiana Expressway to enhance regional transportation
- Form a new partnership to create a substantial School-to-Careers program
- Partner with KCC to ensure its manufacturing certification program continues to meet changing national standards and local needs

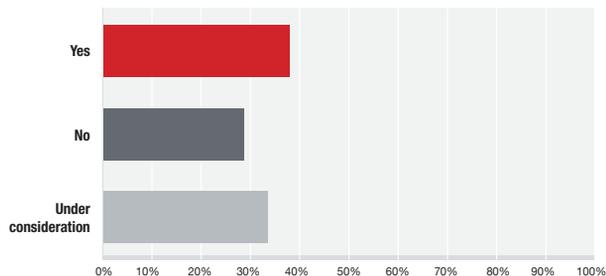
ECONOMIC FORECAST SURVEY

In a July 2014 Economic Alliance forecast survey, Kankakee County's largest employers reported a stable to improving local business climate, with a heightened likelihood of new expansions and hiring. A full 95% of those responding to a survey of the county's top 64 industries and institutions in terms of staff count were optimistic about the opportunity for growth of all types over both the near and long term.

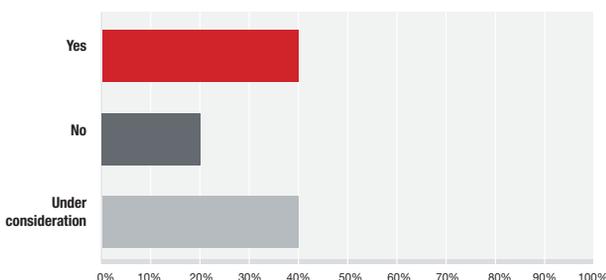
SURVEY HIGHLIGHTS:

- Employment was expected to be stable or increase through mid-2015, according to 100% of survey respondents.
- 76% of respondents reported stable or increasing company sales.
- 71% of respondents anticipated new capital investment through the end of 2014.
- 71% of respondents anticipated or were considering expansion over the next 3 years.
- 80% of respondents reported that new products or services were anticipated in the next 3 years.

Does your company plan to expand in the next three years?



Are there any new products/services anticipated in the next 3 years?

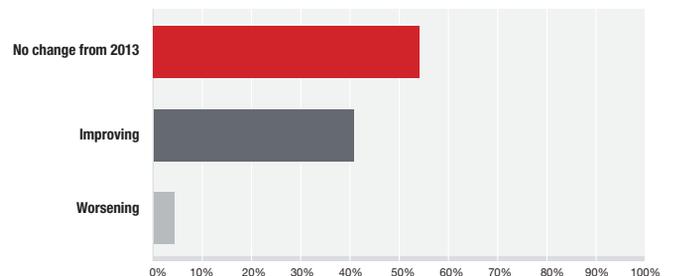


TOP CAPITAL PROJECTS 2014

CSL Behring	\$180M
Kinder Morgan	\$60M
Riverside Healthcare	\$35M
Van Drunen Farms	\$21M
Edward Allen Lumber	\$6.2M
Discount Tire Co.	\$2.3M
Court Street Ford	\$2.1M
Kankakee Gas & Wash.....	\$1.8M
Presence St. Mary's Hospital	\$1.6M
Infrastructure	
Pilot Hill Wind Farm	\$250M
I-57 Exit 315.....	\$54M
Aqua Illinois	\$17M

Source: Kankakee County Planning Department

Rate doing business in Kankakee County:



BUSINESS ATTRACTION 2014

With the certification by the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration of Kankakee County's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) in April 2014, target industries were identified that our community is competitively positioned to pursue. Per the CEDS, the Economic Alliance's business attraction efforts through 2019 will primarily focus on the following business sector targets:

- **Food Processing,**
- **Metal, Machinery and Advanced Manufacturing,**
- **Transportation, Distribution and Logistics,**
- **Health Care, and**
- **Business and Professional Services**

Other sectors that will be developed in consideration of local assets and resources include:

- **Entrepreneurship and Innovation,**
- **Tourism and Hospitality, and**
- **Renewable Energy**

To meet its ambitious goals of \$500 million in new business investment and 500 new jobs, the Economic Alliance in 2014 responded to requests for proposals issued by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for eight greenfield sites within Kankakee County. Our proposals reached stage two elimination for two sites and stage three elimination for two sites. The Alliance also successfully leveraged its relationships with existing employers, the Kankakee County Planning Department, and its economic development, municipal and institutional counterparts, with the following outcomes.

In 2014, a number of contestants who took part in the **EnterpriseU Entrepreneurs Boot Camp & Business Plan Competition** from 2011 to 2013 found market success, including Carlile Architects, BC Systems Wastewater Treatment, GeekSpeak, Crème of the Crop Catering and Food Truck, Align Yoga & Healing Arts and The Pie Ladye. The program – a partnership of the Economic Alliance and Kankakee Community College – has introduced more than 75 aspiring entrepreneurs to the rigors of small business ownership. EnterpriseU will return in 2015 after a one-year hiatus.

Catalyst Innovation Center – a research and entrepreneurship collaborative of Olivet Nazarene University, Riverside Healthcare and the Economic Alliance – launched in December 2014 at Ken Hayes Industrial Park in the Village of Bradley. The facility is a key platform upon which the Alliance will advance multiple strategic objectives, including small business development/entrepreneurship, workforce development, post-secondary graduate retention and adaptive reuse of industrial space. As the only innovation center of its kind between Chicago and Champaign, Catalyst will provide corporate and student research and development space, co-working and business incubation space, as well as small business development resources.



Alliance Board Chairman 2015-16 and Riverside Healthcare CEO Phil Kambic at Catalyst's December 2014 launch event

“As a partner, the Economic Alliance brings to Catalyst a broad-based knowledge of business and property development, along with market positioning expertise, that will certainly help to drive the project’s success,” Dr. Jeff Williamson, ONU Executive Director of Corporate Engagement



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COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY 2014-2019

BUSINESS ATTRACTION GOALS

- \$500 million in new business investment
- 500 new jobs
- Help 150 prospective new businesses.
- Establish a countywide state-of-the-art small business incubator
- Designate an Alliance staffer to oversee the new employer recruitment program
- Maintain an inventory of competitive employer sites
- Engage in systematic marketing campaigns directed toward identified industry sectors
- Partner with ONU and KCC on a technology-oriented entrepreneurship program
- Maximize the potential of physical centers of industry, including Ken Hayes Industrial Park
- Improve and expand the EnterpriseU Business Plan Competition
- Refine the low-interest loan program for small business
- Promote entrepreneurship in local high schools



CATALYST

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OPENING FALL 2015



A research and entrepreneurship collaborative at Ken Hayes Industrial Park, Bradley, Illinois

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WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT 2014

In a nationwide 2014 Business Roundtable/Change the Equation survey of leaders of 126 major corporations, nearly 98 percent of CEOs reported that a shortage of adequately skilled workers threatens their businesses. Building a pipeline to funnel skilled workers into U.S. companies, respondents said, should begin as early as grade school.

As technology advancements continue to drive process improvements across our community's industry sectors, it is imperative that the skill sets of Kankakee County's current and future employees meet specified standards. Kankakee County has developed local solutions to this national workforce readiness challenge.



Kankakee Community College in 2014 opened its **Manufacturing & Industrial Technology Center (MITC)**, serving local industries' needs in functional areas including advanced welding, manufacturing technology, machine tool and millwright processes. MITC works in close collaboration with local industry to identify priority training needs and develop associated curricula. KCC also

was awarded a \$5 million grant in 2014 to construct a dedicated LEED Gold-certified **Advanced Technology Education Center (ATEC)** to house its award-winning renewable energy program and serve as a regional training hub.



In 2014, the Economic Alliance of Kankakee County in conjunction with the Community Foundation of Kankakee River Valley launched the **Coalition for Hope & Excellence in Education (CHEE)**. The mission of the CHEE is to encourage student persistence and increase graduation rates in Kankakee County through the efforts of a broad coalition of community leaders using a comprehensive, evidenced-based Communities in Schools (CIS) model. CIS is a nationwide effort that surrounds students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life. A primary component of the CHEE initiative is working in close partnership with local industries to foster career readiness among Kankakee County's student population. In December 2014, the Kankakee facilities of BASF and Dow were the first to invest in the CHEE to further its ambitious workforce development objectives.

“BASF is proud to partner with the Coalition for Hope & Excellence in Education to ensure a long-term sustainable workforce for Kankakee County. We believe that an investment in the youth of today is an investment in the long-term success of BASF.” Judy Brinkman, BASF

“Dow is proud to partner with CHEE, a catalyst to increase graduation rates in Kankakee County and prepare a college- and career-ready skilled work force. The community's success is our success. The young people's future is our future.” Daoran Alabin, Dow

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COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY
2014-2019

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

- Lower unemployment rate
- Increase the average wage rate
- Increase graduation rate for high school
- Support county and individual communities' efforts to improve quality of life
- Form a new partnership to create a substantial countywide School-to-Careers program
- Identify and secure outside funding to sustain this program
- Sponsor a one-on-one student/mentor program in all Kankakee County schools with high dropout rates
- Partner with KCC to ensure its manufacturing certification program continues to meet changing national standards and local needs
- Publish statistics annually on the value of continuing education

REGIONAL PARTNERSHIPS 2014

Consistent with economic development best practices as well as Kankakee County's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), the Economic Alliance seeks to leverage to greatest advantage its regional partnerships to advance the strategic goals of the community and its industries.

For the past several years, Kankakee County leaders have collaborated with their counterparts in neighboring counties to support the **Illiana Corridor** project. This new public/private expressway, located approximately 2 miles north of Kankakee County's northern border, will connect I-55 near Wilmington with I-65 in Indiana for the main purpose of relieving truck traffic utilizing the local system and to provide an alternative to I-80. This project is expected to create more than 9,000 temporary construction jobs and nearly 25,000 permanent jobs. According to the Illinois Department of Transportation, the long-term economic impact for this project is estimated at more than \$4 billion.

In December 2014, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) signed the Illiana Corridor Tier Two Record of Decision, marking the completion of the project's environmental planning phase. With the issuance of the Record of Decision, the FHWA supports the transportation need for the project, approves the analysis of its environmental impacts, as well as any mitigation efforts, and concurs with the selected route alternative for the new 50-mile highway. This action provides federal authorization for Indiana and Illinois to move the project forward from the planning phase to the implementation phase, laying the foundation for the continued exploration of public-private partnership opportunities for construction, maintenance and operation.

The Economic Alliance is also a participating member of the **Alliance for Regional Development**, a coalition of leaders in business, government and academia working together to strengthen the economic competitiveness of Chicago's tristate region, including northeast Illinois, northwest Indiana and southeast Wisconsin. Participants' common goal is to provide a cross-jurisdictional, multi-sector response to the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)'s recent Territorial Review of the tristate region that recommended specific and coordinated improvements in four key areas:

- Workforce Development
- Innovation
- Transportation and Logistics
- Green Growth

"The Illiana Expressway is a very welcome development for our company and our Manteno site. Opening up a major new regional truck route will help us manage our considerable transportation costs and enhance our site's growth potential."

Denise Jones, Sears Holdings Corp.



December 10, 2014

Dear Mr. Michael Van Mill,

On December 10, 2014, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) signed the Illiana Corridor Tier Two Record of Decision (ROD), marking the completion of the environmental planning phase. With the issuance of the ROD, the FHWA has identified building a new 50-mile highway facility that will connect Interstate 55 near Wilmington, IL, with Interstate 65 near Lowell, IN.

Studies for the Illiana Corridor were driven by an inclusive planning process that included an unprecedented level of stakeholder outreach and coordination. Your leadership and willingness to contribute in this planning process has been instrumental in laying the groundwork for the fulfillment of a major transportation need in the Midwest, as well as long-term job creation and economic growth. The study team will be communicating the next steps to you and your constituents in the near future. In addition, the IllianaCorridor.org website will remain an information source for the project.

Again, thank you for your valuable input and participation in this important project. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Steven Schilke, Illinois Department of Transportation – District 1, at (847) 705-4125; or Jennifer Alander, Indiana Department of Transportation – LaPorte District, at (219) 325-7475.

Sincerely,

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Region One Engineer
Illinois Department of Transportation

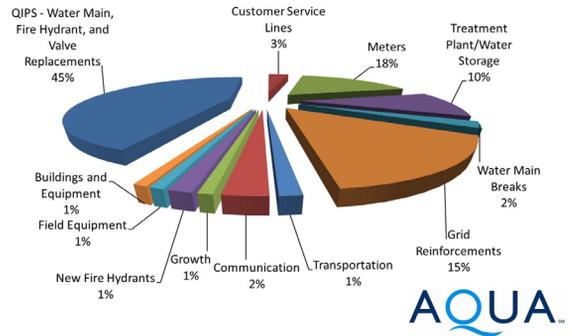
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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT 2014

By way of its Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), the Economic Alliance is charged with improving Kankakee County's quality of life by, for one, improving the infrastructure that is critical to business growth and the general welfare of the community. Avenues to meet this goal include supporting enhancements to utility capacities, road networks and other transportation assets, and commercial building stock.

Utility providers in Kankakee County continued in 2014 to invest in infrastructure that will enable significant industrial growth. Aqua Illinois invested more than \$18 million to improve water service reliability, fire protection and water quality across Kankakee County. The Kankakee River Metropolitan Agency in 2014 also continued its \$60M advanced wastewater treatment facility improvement project.

2014 Capital Investment = \$18,577,000



“As both a proactive and responsive economic development organization, the Economic Alliance of Kankakee County excels.” Craig Blanchette, Aqua Illinois

In 2014, the State of Illinois and Illinois National Guard broke ground for a **\$53.3 million Army Aviation Support Facility and Readiness Center at Greater Kankakee Airport**. The operation, expected to bring an estimated 70 full-time jobs, will spur infrastructure improvements within and around the airport's footprint as well as serve as a catalyst for further area development.

A new I-57 interchange – Kankakee County's fifth – at **Exit 318/ Bourbonnais Parkway** opens up more than 1,300 acres of industrial TIF land. In 2014, public- and private-sector developers in Kankakee County readied industrial and commercial sites and boosted utility service to the area. Aqua alone invested \$8 million in the vicinity of the interchange to build capacity for existing and incoming industrial and commercial users.

The Alliance also works in conjunction with Kankakee County's municipal leadership to optimize its prime commercial corridors for increased vitality. In 2014, the **Village of Grant Park** began to implement several streetscape design plans facilitated by the Economic Alliance, including improvements to municipal parking areas, a community park and the Route 1 commercial corridor.

“The technical assistance provided by the Economic Alliance as our village developed strategies and plans for commercial revitalization was invaluable in moving a number of capital projects forward.”

Mayor Bob Malkowski, Village of Grant Park



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COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY
2014-2019

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GOALS

- Support county and individual communities' efforts to improve quality of life
- Partner with the Kankakee Valley Airport Authority to develop a commercial/light industrial business park near the airport
- Take advantage of the Kankakee River as a recreational and tourism asset
- Improve infrastructure to those employer sites that have good access to I-57
- Improve at least three gateways into Kankakee County communities
- Begin to eliminate blighted, unusable facilities
- Assist rural areas to improve access to broadband services
- Support construction of the Illiana Expressway to enhance regional transportation advantages
- Support Kankakee County and individual communities' plans to become sustainable

PROMOTION 2014

MEDIA PLACEMENT

In 2014, the Economic Alliance led a collaborative PR campaign with the Kankakee County Chamber of Commerce and Kankakee County Convention & Visitors Bureau that resulted in successful placement of our community's news in prime Chicagoland media channels, including the Chicago Tribune, ABC-7, NBC-5, FOX-Chicago, WGN-TV, WGN radio, WLS radio and the Southtown Star.



Stories covered included the economic impact of Chicago Bears Summer Training Camp, the eDF Renewable Energy/Microsoft's Pilot Hill Wind Farm project, Kankakee Community College's award-winning renewable energy training program, summer recreational opportunities, and the City of Kankakee's artist-in-residence program. This initiative was part of a larger goal to build regional awareness of our community's strategic assets for prospective investors of all types, from business owners to residents to visitors.

The Alliance also placed in excess of 50 stories in Kankakee County print and broadcast channels in 2014 on the local business climate, local and regional capital developments, and Alliance programs and services. Placements in industry publications included Area Development, Illinois Real Estate Journal, Heartland Real Estate Business and Illinois: The State of Innovation magazine.

ALLIANCE E-NEWSLETTER

Quarterly e-newsletters were issued in 2014 under the banner of "Development e-News from Illinois' #1 Small City," reflecting Milken Institute's "Best-Performing Cities" ranking of Kankakee County. Opt-in subscribers to the publication grew by 63% in 2014, totaling 1,339 by year's end. The newsletter also experienced a 41% open rate and a 19% click rate on average.

EVENTS

Conferences targeted by the Alliance in 2014 for attendance/exhibit purposes included Alliance for Regional Development Fed Summit on Regional Competitiveness, RE Journals Commercial Real Estate Forecast Conference, ICSC Chicago, NICAR Showcase and the South Metropolitan Higher Education Consortium Sustainability Expo.

The Alliance also co-hosted events including a Historic Preservation Tax Credit Workshop in Kankakee in September, the eDF Renewable Energy/Microsoft Pilot Hill Wind Farm groundbreaking in Herscher in October and the Catalyst Innovation Center launch in Bradley in December.

ALLIANCE WEBSITE

The Alliance website kankakeecountyedc.org underwent complete redevelopment in 2014 to improve the delivery of data to our core audiences, including prospective industrial investors and their agents, the existing business community, the media and the community at large. The site is now optimized for mobile applications, features an interactive blog, and includes the Location One Information System (LOIS) plug-in for site and building selection. Logging an average of 1,700 page views per month, the site's top blog posts in 2014 were:

1. Forbes ranks Kankakee County ninth nationally in cost of doing business, second in Illinois for job growth
2. Catalyst Innovation Center launched in Bradley
3. State of Illinois lauds CSL Behring
4. Kankakee County multinationals BASF and DOW support launch of workforce development initiative Coalition for Hope & Excellence in Education (CHEE)
5. Kankakee County real GDP growth exceeds national average, second highest in state of Illinois

SOCIAL MEDIA

The Economic Alliance continued in 2014 to build its Twitter and LinkedIn communities. On Twitter, @KankakeeCoEDC has 1,257 active followers, while the Alliance's LinkedIn group includes 279 of Kankakee County's leading professionals working across our community's targeted industry sectors.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

The Alliance partnered with the Daily Journal for a second year in 2014 to produce THRIVE magazine, a publication focusing on Kankakee County's vibrant industrial and commercial landscape.

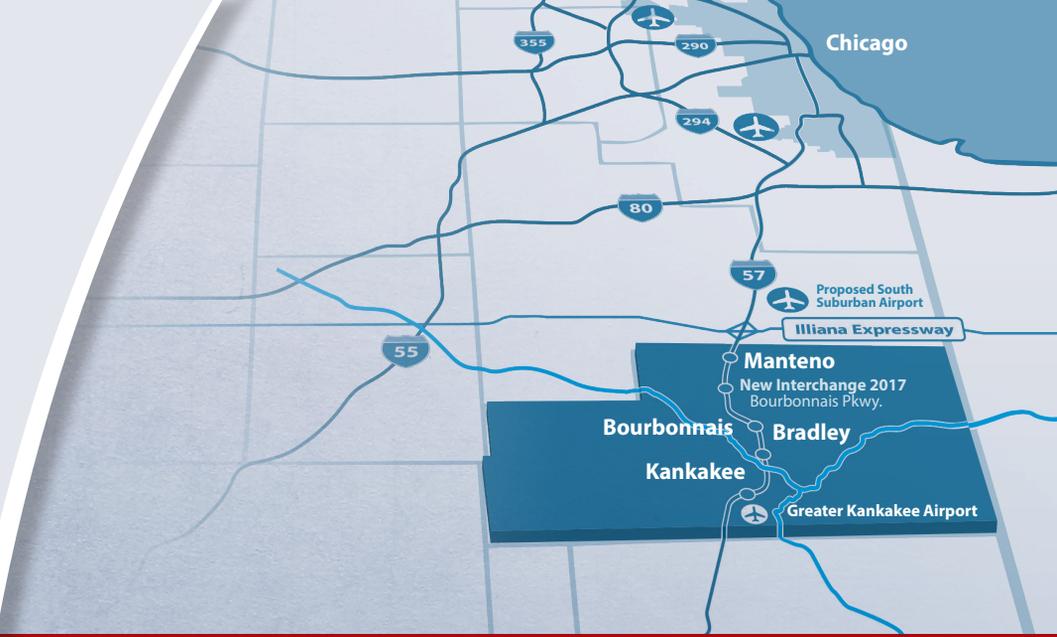




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ADVANTAGE KANKAKEE COUNTY #1 SMALL CITY IN ILLINOIS*

JOB GROWTH • ECONOMIC VITALITY • TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCEMENT

AREA ADVANTAGES:

- 50 miles to Chicago
- Real GDP growth #2 in Illinois
- \$430M capital investment 2012-14
- \$75M water and wastewater investment 2014-15
- NEW KCC Manufacturing & Industrial Technology Center
- NEW KCC Advanced Technological Education Center regional renewable energy training hub (2015)

TARGET INDUSTRIES:

- Food Processing
- Metal, Machining and Advanced Manufacturing
- Transportation, Distribution and Logistics
- Health Care
- Business and Professional Services

*Milken Institute Best-Performing Cities Index 2013



Scan to learn about
Kankakee County's \$430M
in capital investment 2012-14



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