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**RE: Economic Alliance/IMEC Organizational Needs Survey**

Dear Manufacturing Partner,

With the continuing challenges and uncertainties confronting global markets and your business, the Economic Alliance wants to better understand your current challenges. Please participate in a 5-minute survey and provide critical feedback about the most urgent and important priorities for your business. Your feedback will help us identify and develop the resources needed to help manufacturers emerge stronger from this crisis. At the close of the survey, we will provide a summary report. Your information will remain confidential, reported only in aggregate.

**You may click here to take the 5-minute survey:**

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/kankakeecounty>

This survey round will close on Friday, August 28. After feedback is compiled, the Economic Alliance will convene a series of virtual roundtables in September and October around the most pressing challenges facing our manufacturing partners.

The Alliance is collaborating with the [Illinois Manufacturing Excellence Center \(IMEC\)](#) on this initiative to help manufacturers rebound from the Covid-19 pandemic. Part of the U.S. Department of Commerce NIST Manufacturing Extension Partnership, IMEC brings together a team of improvement specialists dedicated to providing Illinois manufacturers with the tools and techniques required for global competitiveness. IMEC consultants work closely with their clients to plan critical business improvements in the areas of leadership, strategy, customer engagement, operations and workforce.

Your participation in this survey is needed and appreciated. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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The Economic Alliance of Kankakee County is a 501c6 public-private partnership tasked with encouraging and facilitating new investment in the Greater Chicago community of Kankakee County, Illinois, Area Development magazine's #1 Metro in the Midwest for 5-year Growth in 2019. We approach our mission in the spirit of collaboration in order to move the needle in sustainable and equitable ways across the interconnected realms of business, workforce and community development.