

## **ECIDC**

*Fostering regional economic development through collaboration, networking, & education.*

### **Our Services:**

#### **II County - Regional Collaboration**

ECIDC unifies the community leadership, resources, and organizations concerned with economic development and facilitates region-wide collaboration to enhance and promote east central Illinois.

#### **Professional Development**

ECIDC hosts educational events on topics including leadership, strategic planning, economic development, potential funding opportunities, and other useful resources for community leaders. These provide great networking opportunities in which professionals from various sectors can build relationships, seek mentorship, and share success stories with other leaders throughout the region.

#### **Grant and Resource Information**

ECIDC houses and continuously expands a Resource Center on [www.ecidc.com](http://www.ecidc.com). ECIDC issues a regional e-newsletter and disseminates information pertinent to economic development such as governmental and legislative updates, grant information, innovative models, and region-wide events. ECIDC also researches grant and funding opportunities for the communities it serves.

#### **Market Analysis Services**

ECIDC offers business analysis services to its members at a deeply discounted cost compared to some large firms which perform these services at prices that range from \$10,000 to \$80,000. By pooling together through a regional network, ECIDC gives the area's rural communities affordable access to customized business reports, maps, and demographic data and allows them to make informed economic development decisions.

#### **Leadership Recognition**

ECIDC partners with Lake Land College and Eastern Illinois University to honor deserving individuals each year with the Business Ethics & Social Involvement Awards. The BESI Awards are given to fine community leaders and businesses who practice ethical business tactics and donate their time and resources to the communities in which they reside. ECIDC also sponsors an Outstanding Leadership in Economic Development Award to honor efforts in community and economic development.

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