



East Central Illinois
Development Corporation

Fostering Regional Economic Development

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You Should Join ECIDC...

To help **actively promote the ECIDC region** (Christian, Clark, Coles, Crawford, Cumberland, Douglas, Edgar, Effingham, Jasper, Moultrie, and Shelby counties).

To **network with leaders from eleven counties** and representatives from regional, state, and federal agencies.

To obtain **access to customized maps and reports** created specifically for you through use of GIS applications.

To actively **promote your organization's activities and mission** to others inside and outside of the region.

To **support economic development activities** throughout the region.

ECIDC has made overwhelming progress and impacts in 2008 and is planning an even more productive 2009. Regional partners are necessary to keep the momentum going strong. Organizations such as yours provide ECIDC with the resources necessary to move East Central Illinois into the global economy!

In 2008 ECIDC Accomplished...

Building meaningful relationships among economic development, workforce development, education, and business and industry partners in the region.

Restructuring the organization to adopt an **open source model of economic development** and entered many partnerships to fulfill its mission.

Developing a **regional data bank and resource center** that is present on the ECIDC website.

Purchasing a GIS mapping application made available to our membership for use in **developing customized maps and reports supporting business retention & attraction and market analysis**.

Offering **professional development and training opportunities** to our membership and local leaders to expand their knowledge and application of useful tools.

Providing great **networking opportunities** and **recognized extraordinary individuals and businesses** for their efforts and dedication to the region.

In 2009 ECIDC Will...

Provide **educational opportunities** for local leaders.

Provide **support and assistance to local economic development organizations** and communities in efforts to retain and attract businesses/industries, including the use of our GIS application mapping and reporting services.

Support local entrepreneurial efforts in the region.

Continue to **facilitate the building of relationships** amongst organizations and communities.

Offer **support for all current and prospective economic development projects** in the region.

Continue to **improve and expand the resources** available through its website, including our regional data bank.

Collect and **share success stories of the region, recognizing leaders and organizations** for their exemplary actions.

Trisha Mason, ECIDC Executive Director, is available to speak to your organization or community about the benefits and importance of regionalism, using GIS maps and reports to aid in community and economic development efforts, asset mapping and long-term economic development planning, and gaining community support for your organization's initiatives. Contact her at (217) 540-3517 for more information.