



Meet Northwest Illinois Economic Development!

At its most basic level, we are an entity that works to enhance the prosperity of the communities it serves, specifically, Jo Daviess and Carroll Counties. And while this work may be different for each community, NWILED is a regional organization committed to improving the quality of life for our members and communities through economic development leadership, which includes attracting new companies, helping existing companies grow or assisting entrepreneurs with their businesses.

Some of the programs NWILED has developed and implemented, which are often outside of what many municipalities offer to enhance business development, include:

- Assisting entrepreneurs plan out the launch of their new business or advising a corporation looking to relocate in the county on site selection and incentives that are available to them on local, state and or federal levels.
- Acts as a conduit for new and existing businesses with a network of peer contacts, businesses, officials, local chambers, and regional planning organizations and other economic development organizations and bureaus.
- Conducts numerous professional lunch and learn workshops, an entrepreneurial boot camp and workforce development events such as Manufacturing and Trades Days. NWILED also manages the Genz Small Business Development Fund, maintains an online Jobs board, and offers an annual high school entrepreneurial scholarship award.
- NWILED also takes active roles in housing efforts, site readiness activities, tourism marketing and collaborations and alliances with other neighboring counties and regions.
- NWILED's website (www.nwiled.org) is an active resource center that includes more detailed information about the organization and user-friendly navigation to assist its members and outside venues in exploring opportunities, in addition to being a part of the new Northwest Illinois Regional Economic Development Alliance and collaborative website with Whiteside County, Illinois.

Your Membership to NWILED will help expand our programs that are currently serving your communities. We also need your help to increase subject matter expertise from businesses and organizations like yourselves. Enclosed you will find our sponsorship/membership proposal, which includes value added components respectively for each level of commitment. Your dedication to NWILED's success helps us to continue to support, enhance and continue our goals and objectives for our growing communities.

Thank you for your interest and consideration in becoming a member of Northwest Illinois Economic Development. We appreciate your relationship and partnership serving northwest Illinois. If you have any further questions, feel free to call me directly at 815-297-7361 or by email at dschmit@nwiled.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David Schmit", is written over a horizontal line.

David Schmit, NWILED Regional Director