



The Tri-County Economic Development Alliance, Inc. (TCEDA) has Built the Team to Make Economic Development Strategies Come to Life in Northwest Illinois!

Our focus, by design, is on business retention. This direction was chosen very specifically with much input from our Board of Directors, as well as both community and business leaders.

Without supporting our current businesses, we can't prepare for our future. Rural communities are built through small businesses and through local leaders. Economic development in the past has been limited to searching for the next big company—while ignoring the local businesses and turning a blind eye to their struggles.

The founding leadership of TCEDA understood the need for new direction, new energy, and new motivation. From that vigor, Tri-County Economic Development Alliance Inc. was born. Today, we are motivated to change Northwest Illinois into the strong business environment that we all want to be a part of. Once that is complete, business attraction will be easy to accomplish.

What is TCEDA?

The Tri-County Economic Development Alliance, Inc. (TCEDA) is a private, not for profit 501 c(6) corporation formed to develop a regional public/private partnership to promote, encourage, and support industrial and economic development in Jo Daviess, Carroll and Whiteside counties. Specific objectives include:

- Focus on supporting and maintaining existing business enterprises
- Encourage the expansion of existing business enterprises
- Develop quality sites for industrial and commercial endeavors
- Assist with acquiring appropriate grants and financing
- Develop and maintain a rapid response to outside inquiries and requests
- Maintain and improve critical economic development infrastructure

The TCEDA Team:

TCEDA is managed by Interim Executive Director, Sharon Pepin. The Executive Director is governed by the Tri-County Economic Development Alliance, Inc. (TCEDA) Executive Board and the Board of Directors. TCEDA maintains a network of leading industry professionals who interact with businesses and communities in a contracted consultant role.

TCEDA MISSION:

To Significantly Enhance Economic Development Progress in Northwest Illinois and Beyond, as Measured Ultimately by Job Creation.

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