

Chicago Southland Economic Development Index

Planning, Economic, and Community Development Organizations and
Agencies for the Chicago Southland Region and the State of Illinois

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- **Campaign for Sensible Growth**
- **Chicago Southland Alliance**
- **Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce**
- **Chicago Southland Convention and Visitors Bureau**
- **Chicago Southland Development, Inc.**
- **EnterprizCook County**
- **Metropolitan Planning Council**
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- **Southwest Council of Mayors**
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GOVERNMENT / ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT / PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS		
Organization	Contact	Leading Efforts: Objectives, Programs & Initiatives
Accion Chicago	Leroy Pacheco President & CEO 3245 W. 26 th Street, 2 nd Floor Chicago, IL 60623 PH: (773) 376-9004 x101 FAX: (773) 376-9048 lpacheco@accionchicago.org www.accionchicago.org	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACCION Chicago is dedicated to strengthening the economies of Chicago's neighborhoods by providing "micro" loans and business-related services to low and moderate-income individuals who are striving to support themselves and their families through self-employment. • ACCION Chicago provides this credit and helps small business owners to increase their incomes, create new jobs and strengthen their communities. • New programs and initiatives include: ACCION Chicago and Mary Kay Working to Empower Women; Expanding Service to African-American Communities in Chicago's South and West Sides; New Communities Initiative (NCI); Greater Humboldt Park Micro-loan Program.
American Planning Association (APA)	Stuart Meck Principle Investigator smeck@planning.org Marya Morris Senior Research Associate mmorris@planning.org 122 S. Michigan Ave. Suite 1600 Chicago, IL 60603 PH: (312) 431-9100 www.planning.org	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The APA is a non-profit public interest and research organization representing 30,000 practicing planners, officials, and citizens involved with urban and rural planning issues. • APA and the Lincoln Land Institute offer the following audio conference series: Livable Communities and Sustainable Development; Land Use Regulation and the Freedom of Expression; and Urban Parks and Greenspace. • The APA offers National Planning Awards to encourage excellence and innovation in planning. <p>APA publications include <i>Planning Communities for the 21st Century</i>, a special report of the APA's Growing Smart Project, and <i>A Smart Growth Agenda for Illinois</i>, completed for the Campaign for Sensible Growth.</p>
Business and Professional People for the Public Interest (BPI)	Nicholas J. Brunick Attorney 25 E. Washington, Ste. 1515 Chicago, IL 60602 PH: (312) 641-5570 nbrunick@bpichicago.org www.bpichicago.org	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BPI is a public interest law and policy center supported by the business community that works to enhance equity, social justice and the quality of life for Chicago area residents, using litigation, research and advocacy, community organizing and collaboration. • BPI publishes a monthly newsletter <i>For the Public Interest</i> • BPI, in collaboration with the Campaign for Sensible Growth, published <i>Sensible Growth Index</i> in June 1999.
Campaign for Sensible Growth (CSG)	Ellen Shubart, Campaign Manager 25 E. Washington, Ste. 1600	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSG is a coalition of government, civic and business leaders in northeastern Illinois' six counties (Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, Will) working to promote economic development while

	<p>Chicago, IL 60602 PH: (312) 863-6009 FAX: (312) 922-5619 eshubart@metroplanning.org www.growingsensibly.org</p>	<p>preserving open space, minimizing the need for costly new infrastructure and improving the livability of communities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSG developed the “Ideas At Work” series to showcase innovative solutions and best practices such as land protection mechanisms, housing and transportation alternatives, incentive packages for model commercial and residential development and zoning strategies. • Publications include <i>Sensible Growth in Illinois</i>; <i>Changing Faces</i>; <i>Revitalizing Industry and Creating Value Through Sensible Growth</i>. • Quarterly Newsletter, <i>Growing Sensibly</i>. • CSG hosts roundtable discussions and tri-annual membership meetings.
<p>Canal Corridor Association</p>	<p>Ana B. Koval President/CEO Gaylord Building 200 West 8th Street Lockport, IL 60411 PH: (815) 588-1100</p> <p>Laurie B. Scott Program Director 25 E. Washington, Ste 1650 Chicago, IL 60602 PH: (312) 427-3688 lscott@canalcor.org www.canalcor.org</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Canal Corridor Association works for the economic revitalization of the Illinois and Michigan Canal Corridor through the preservation, conservation and enhancement of cultural and natural resources. • The Association offers publications on the history of corridor communities and a resource directory. • Programs include the Heritage Tourism Study, education programs, teacher workshops and the I&M Canal Award Program.
<p>Center for Governmental Studies (CGS)—Northern Illinois University</p>	<p>John L. Lewis Interim Director PH: (815) 753-0936 jlewis@niu.edu Dawn Peters Economic & Community Development 148 N. 3rd Street DeKalb, IL 60115 PH: (815) 753-0923 FAX: (815) 753-2305 Dpeters@niu.edu www.cgsniu.org</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CGS is a public service, applied research and public policy development organization providing services that contribute to the economic well-being of the State of Illinois and advancing the capabilities of governments at all levels to develop policies and to manage and evaluate their programs. • Policy areas include agricultural conservation and protection; economic and community development and workforce development and labor market studies. • CGS provides mapping services including: thematic mapping of census data, CRA analyses, geocoding of custom databases, data aggregation to different geographies and other custom report generation. Service fees apply • CGS offers two annual publications, <i>Illinois Policy Survey</i> and <i>Northwest Illinois Market Facts</i>.
<p>Center for Neighborhood Technology (CNT)</p>	<p>Jacky Grimshaw Vice President, Policy, Transportation &</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CNT works to invent and implement new tools and methods that create livable urban communities.

	<p>Community Development 2125 W. North Ave. Chicago, IL 60647 PH: (773) 269-4033 FAX: (773) 278-3840 Jacky@cnt.org</p> <p>www.cnt.org</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CNT focuses on transit-oriented development, pollution prevention, smart growth, land-use policies that manage growth and reduce sprawl, finance mechanisms for location-efficient mortgages and energy efficiency/energy conservation • The CNT site LegInfo.org provides information on pending state legislation.
<p>Center for Tax and Budget Accountability (CTBA)</p>	<p>Ralph Martirer Executive Director 70 East Lake Street, Suite 700 Chicago, IL 60601 PH: (312) 332-1049 FAX: (312) 578-9258 rmartire@ctbaonline.org</p> <p>Jennifer Holuj Program Director PH: (312) 332-1041 Jholuj1@ctbaonline.org www.ctbaonline.org</p>	<p>The Center for Tax and Budget Accountability works for state fiscal spending policies that promote economic growth and efficient revenue collection, and are fair to Illinois families.</p>
<p>CenterPoint @ Governors State University (GSU)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small Business Development Center • Centerpoint 504 • Southland Community Development Corporation 	<p>Hilary Burkinshaw Director 1 University Parkway University Park, IL 60466 PH: (708) 534-4928 FAX: (708) 534-1646 h-burkinshaw@govst.edu</p> <p>www.centerpointgsu.com</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CenterPoint at Governors State University is a dynamic community based resource, which helps small business owners take advantage of a 'One-Stop' service to help grow their businesses, start new businesses, obtain loans for start-up and expansion, and secure low cost loans to purchase commercial property and machinery. • CenterPoint is a unique collaboration between the University faculty and students, SCORE (Service Corp of Retired Executives), the Illinois Department of Commerce & Community Affairs and the US Small Business Association, designed to deliver up-to-date counseling, training and technical assistance in all aspects of small business management. • Small Business Association special loan program #504
<p>Chicago Area Transportation Study (CATS)</p>	<p>Donald P. Kopec Associate Executive Director 300 W. Adams Street Chicago, IL 60606 PH: (312) 793-3470 FAX: (312) 793-3481 dkopec@catsmpo.com</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chicago Area Transportation Study (CATS) is charged with planning and developing a safe, efficient and affordable transportation system for the region. The CATS committee structure ensures that citizens, interest groups, elected officials, and public and private agencies are included in the transportation planning process. • The CATS Policy Committee is designated by state and local

	<p>Kermit Wies Director of Plan Development PH: (312) 793-0438 kwies@catsmpo.com</p> <p>www.catsmpo.com</p>	<p>officials as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for northeastern Illinois. The MPO is responsible, in cooperation with the state, for carrying out the region's urban transportation planning process as prescribed by USDOT.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CATS prepares an annual Unified Work Program (UWP) that allocates federal funds to support transportation planning in the region. CATS also prepares the region's long-range Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and six-year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The agency provides technical planning support to member agencies, engages in community outreach to improve public involvement in transportation planning, and assists in coordinating the transportation planning activities of several subregional planning councils in northeastern Illinois.
<p>Chicago-Cook Business Center, Cook County Department of Planning & Development</p>	<p>Jacquelyn Harder Economic Development Project Director 69 W. Washington Street, Suite 2900 Chicago, IL 60602 PH: (312) 603-1070 FAX: (312) 603-9971 jharder@planning-cook.org</p> <p>www.chicago-cook.org</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Cook County planning and economic development staff works closely with the region's 130 municipalities, state and federal agencies, and hundreds of community-based organizations to promote economic development through the Chicago-Cook region. Cook County and Chicago has instituted a number of initiatives to help businesses stay and grow in our region: it has signed international trade agreements with regions in Italy and Ireland to spearhead strategic alliances and joint ventures among its small and medium sized companies and those abroad to expand their reach and penetrate new markets; it has built a vigorous, technology-driven marketing program to address the needs of existing businesses and attract new investment in the region; it has reactivated thousands of tax-delinquent parcels and spurred commercial and industrial redevelopment; and it has invested in the region's transportation infrastructure and built affordable housing for seniors and families.
<p>Chicagoland Bike Federation</p>	<p>Randy Warren Project Manager randyw@biketraffic.org</p> <p>Anne Nepokroeff Program Director anne@biketraffic.org</p> <p>650 Clark Street; Ste 300 Chicago, IL 60605 PH: (312) 42-PEDAL FAX: (312) 427-4907</p>	<p>The mission of the Chicagoland Bicycle Federation is to improve the bicycling environment and thereby the quality of life in the region. The Federation does this by promoting bicycle safety, education and facilities, and by encouraging use of the bicycle as an energy-efficient, economical, and nonpolluting form of transportation and as a healthful and enjoyable form of recreation.</p>

	<p>www.biketraffic.org</p>	
<p>Chicago Metropolitan 2020 (CM 2020)</p>	<p>James LaBelle 30 W. Monroe St. Chicago, IL 60603 PH: (312) 332-2020 FAX: (312) 332-2626 Jim.Labelle@cm2020.org</p> <p>Nancy Firfer Program Director PH: (312) 332-8130 www.chicagometropolis2020.org</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CM 2020 seeks to foster collaboration that strengthens the economic vitality and quality of life in the six-county Chicago region. Conducts research and analysis intended to sharpen the issues and stimulate region-wide conversations with civic, political and business leaders that lead to legislative and private-sector initiatives. • Issue areas include economic development, education, governance, land use and housing, taxation and transportation. • In March 2001, began publishing an annual regional report card, "Regional Realities," to track the progress of the region in accomplishing planning goals. • CM 2020 created Metropolitan Principles encouraging businesses to locate closer to housing and adopt alternative transportation options.
<p>Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce</p>	<p>Kevin McNulty President & CEO 1154 Ridge Road Homewood, IL 60430 PH: (708) 957-6950 FAX: (708) 957-6968 kmcnulty@chicagosouthland.com</p> <p>www.chicagosouthland.com</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce is a premier business leadership organization providing cutting edge value added services to all members of the regional business community. Benefits of membership in the Chamber include great opportunities to network and create an awareness of your business name, product or service. By getting involved in Chamber activities and committees you will have the opportunity to meet and work with area business leaders on issues impacting not only your business, but also the region. • Their mission is to represent and promote the best interests of the regional business community and its members by working to improve the economic climate, business environment and community image of the Chicago Southland region.
<p>Chicago Southland Development, Inc. (CSDI)</p>	<p>Thomas Murawski Executive Director 1154 Ridge Road Homewood, IL 60430 PH: (708) 754-6960 FAX: (708) 754-8779 CSDI@chicagosouthland.org</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chicago Southland Development, Inc. (CSDI) does the "nuts and bolts" work with prospects for commercial and industrial development in the area. This includes working with prospects, real estate brokers, banks, economic development professionals and local governments to facilitate site selection, land acquisition, financing, zoning, services and tax issues.
<p>Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau</p>	<p>Jim Garrett President & CEO 2304 173rd Street Lansing, IL 60438-6006 PH: (708) 895-8200 TOLL FREE: 888-895-8233</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau is the official destination management and marketing organization for 60 south and southwest suburbs of Chicago. • The Bureau produces a series of publications and maintains an informational website designed to draw leisure visitors,

	<p>FAX: (708) 895-8288 jim@cscvb.com www.visitchicagosouthland.com</p>	<p>meeting/convention and sporting event planners, and group tour operators to the region, generating overnight stays and events that positively impact the regional and state economies.</p>
<p>Chicago Southland Economic Development Corporation (CSEDC)</p>	<p>Mike Scholefield Chairman 1154 Ridge Road Homewood, IL 60430 PH: (708) 957-6959 X200 Fax: (708) 799- 8251 edc@chicagosouthland.com</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chicago Southland Economic Development Corporation’s mission is to cultivate a positive business environment, foster a supportive infrastructure, generate meaningful opportunities for new and existing businesses, and promote the Southland’s competitive position domestically and in the global marketplace. Partnering with Southland municipalities to increase investment and employment is the primary focus of the Economic Development Corporation, a public/private sector, non-profit organization. • Services Provided: Services/information for more than 70 communities: sites, demographics, customized GIS reports, business retention/expansion, incentives. • Company Profile: A partnership of 17 regional organizations, including the Southland Chamber of Commerce, working together to foster business retention, expansion and employment in the south and southwest suburbs.
<p>Chicago Southland Third Regional Airport Information Clearinghouse</p>	<p>Ed Paesel Director 1904 W. 174th Street East Hazel Crest, IL 60429 PH: (708) 206-1155 FAX: (708) 206-0974 www.southsuburbanairport.com</p>	
<p>Chicago Wilderness</p>	<p>Elizabeth McCane Project Coordinator 8 S. Michigan Ave.; Suite 900 Chicago, IL 60603 PH: (312) 580-2130 emccane@chiwild.org www.chiwild.org</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chicago Wilderness is a partnership of 123 public and private organizations that have joined forces to protect, restore, and manage the natural lands, plants and animals that inhabit the regional nature reserve. The organization works to restore natural communities on public and private lands, prevent the ongoing loss of critical habitat and promote careful development • Projects focus on the areas of ecological inventory and monitoring, ecological restoration, and planning and policy. • In 1999, Chicago Wilderness produced the region’s first comprehensive <i>Biodiversity Recovery Plan</i>. Other publications include <i>Chicago Wilderness Magazine</i>, <i>Atlas of Biodiversity</i>, and a member newsletter—<i>Chicago Wilderness Update</i>.
<p>ComEd</p>	<p>Noreen Kupinski External Affairs Manager 4401 W. 135th St.</p>	<p>For relocating or expanding businesses ComEd offers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site Location Assistance – database of available commercial and industrial properties and vacant land parcels

	<p>Crestwood, IL 60445 PH: (708) 396-3424 FAX: (708) 396-3490 Noreen.kupinski@exeloncorp.com www.ceco.com</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial Assistance Coordination – Financing, tax incentives and job training assistance available through state and local programs • Electricity Cost Calculations – Estimated annual electricity costs based on expected consumption and delivery service options • Community Profiles – Demographic information on a nearly 400 communities served by ComEd.
<p>Community Investment Corporation</p>	<p>John Pritscher 222 S. Riverside Plaza; Ste. 2200 Chicago, IL 60602 PH: (312) 575-1100 FAX: (312) 443-1058 jpritscher@cicchicago.com</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Investment Corporation (CIC) is a not for profit mortgage lender that provides financing to buy and rehab multifamily apartment building with five units or more in the six-county metropolitan Chicago area. • CIC provides innovative financing and expert assistance to open up underserved neighborhoods and foster the success of hands on owners.
<p>The Conservation Foundation</p>	<p>Brook McDonald, President/CEO 10 S. 404 Knoch Knolls Rd. Naperville, IL 60565 PH: (630) 428-4500 FAX: (630) 428-4599 bmcDonald@theconservationfoundation.org www.theconservationfoundation.org</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Conservation Foundation is dedicated to the preservation of open space and water quality. • On contractual basis, the foundation manages contracts and deals on land acquisition and preservation for Will, Kane, and DuPage counties. • Programs include the Land Protection Program, which uses conservation easements, land donations, fee simple acquisition and other creative methods to preserve open space, particularly wetlands, forests, prairies, and land along rivers and streams; the Environmental Education Program, devoted to the development of student environmental action clubs; and the Trails Project, which educates the public about the importance of trails for both recreation and as an alternative transportation method.
<p>The Conservation Fund</p>	<p>William R. Humphrey IL Director 30 W. Monroe St. 18th Floor Chicago, IL 60603 PH: (312) 332-6292 www.conservationfund.org</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Conservation Fund seeks sustainable conservation solutions, emphasizing the integration of economic and environmental goals, and innovative long-term measures to conserve land and water through real estate transactions, demonstration projects, education and community-based activities. • The fund developed a <i>Model Ordinance</i> for conservation development targeted at city planning agencies. • Offers several awards programs to recognize leadership in conservation • Publications include: <i>Balancing Nature and Commerce in Gateway Communities</i>, and <i>Greenways: a Guide to Planning, Design and Development</i>.
<p>Cook County Assessor's Office</p>	<p>Gwendolyn Thomas Mgr. Specific Properties County Building, Room 320 118 N. Clark Street</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notable assessment initiatives include: Expanded Internet service to provide residential reassessment data online; Support of a successful legislative proposal to increase the Home Improvement

	<p>Chicago, IL 60602 PH: (312) 603-5331 FAX: (312) 603-7501 githomas@cookcountyassessor.com</p> <p>Pat Cunningham Asst. General Council- Incentives County Building, Room 312 118 N. Clark St. Chicago, IL 60602 PH: (312) 603-3060 FAX: 312-603-4789 plcunni@cookcountyassessor.com</p> <p>info@assessor.co.cook.il.us www.cookcountyassessor.com</p>	<p>Exemption; Support of a successful legislative proposal to increase the Senior Citizen Assessment Freeze Exemption; Support of a successful legislative proposal to provide speedier Certificate of Error refunds; Certification of a property tax incentive through the extension of the Class 9 Property Tax Incentive to encourage the construction of new, affordable multifamily rental housing; Invited leading civic groups to explore ways to improve the tax system to promote growth and reduce the property tax burden; Worked with Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley to create the Chicago Homeowner Assistance Program that will provide relief to long-time homeowners.</p>
<p>The Delta Institute</p>	<p>Maurice T. Williams Associate Director 53 W. Jackson Blvd, Ste 230 Chicago, Illinois 60604 PH: (312) 554-0900x15 FAX: (312) 554-0193 maurice@delta-institute.org</p> <p>Kevin Lawler 53 W. Jackson Blvd, Ste 230 Chicago, Illinois 60604 PH: (312) 554-0900 FAX: (312) 554-0193 klawler@delta-institute.org</p> <p>www.delta-institute.org</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Delta Institute is a non-profit organization that works on the policy and practice of improving environmental quality and promoting community and economic development in the Great Lakes region. • Program areas include building partnerships for healthy communities; promoting environmentally responsible business and development; strengthening regional environmental policy; creating and implementing redevelopment strategies. • The Delta Institute helped to establish two non-profit brownfield affiliates: ChicagoLand Redevelopment Institute and Northern Indiana Center for Land Reuse • The Delta Institute organized the Regional Dialogue on Clean Air and Redevelopment Project, a partnership between the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus, the Illinois EPA and the U.S. EPA to develop strategies for improving air quality in the Chicago region.
<p>Dept. of Housing and Urban Development</p>	<p>Michelle Perez 77 West Jackson Chicago, IL 60604 PH: (312) 356-6235 x2223 FAX: (312) 356-1631 michele_perez@hud.gov</p>	<p>The Office of Economic Development (OED), under the auspices of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, is guided by the basic principle that government can help to create an environment that encourages innovation, rewards risk-taking and promotes equal opportunity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homeownership assistance program • The FDIC Money Smart Program
<p>Diversity, Inc.</p>	<p>Joe Martin Executive Director 1904 West 174th Street East Hazel Crest, IL 60429</p>	<p>Diversity, Inc. is an intergovernmental not-for-profit organization.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diversity Inc. provides educational materials on topics of interest to member communities including staff as well as citizen volunteers.

	<p>PH: (708) 206-1204 FAX: (708) 206-1133 www.joe@ssmma.org</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Model Fair Housing Ordinance, developed by Diversity Inc., has been used by many local governments to update or create a local fair housing ordinance. • The Community Vitality Program has two major aims. The first is to maintain a strong demand for housing in the southern suburbs among all homebuyers from all racial and ethnic groups. The second is to build a positive sense of community among all of the area's residents that support lasting racial integration and diversity.
<p>Economic Development Council for the Southwest Suburbs (EDCSS)</p>	<p>Carol Malina EDCSS Assistant 10900 S. 88th Avenue Palos Hills, IL 60465 PH: (708) 974-5714 FAX: (708) 974-0078 malina@moraine.cc.il.us malina@morainevalley.edu www.moraine.cc.il.us/edcss</p>	<p>The EDCSS is a coalition of business, banking, industry, education, and community leaders working together for the economic well-being of the southwest suburbs.</p>
<p>enterpriz Cook County</p>	<p>Donald A. Petkus President & CEO 69 W. Washington Street, Suite 1422 Chicago, IL 60602 PH: (312) 603-0144 FAX: (312) 603-9803 DAMP@enterpriz.org</p> <p>William A. Browne South Suburban Dist. Manager, Business Development 69 W. Washington Street, Suite 1422 Chicago, IL 60602 PH: (312) 603-0143 FAX: (312) 603-9803 wabrowne@enterpriz.org</p> <p>www.enterpriz.org</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • enterpriz Cook County is an independent, not-for-profit, public/private partnership advocacy organization dedicated to improving the quality of life in Cook County. • The primary purposes of enterpriz is to stimulate regional economic activity and increase employer satisfaction; encourage businesses to remain and grow in Cook County; and support activity designed to attract jobs and/or increase spending in Cook County.
<p>Environmental Law & Policy Center of the Midwest (ELPC)</p>	<p>Howard A. Learner President 35 East Wacker Dr., Ste 1300 Chicago, IL 60601-2208 PH: (312) 673-6500 FAX: (312) 795-3730 hlearner@elpc.org</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ELPC is a Midwest public interest environmental advocacy organization working to achieve cleaner energy resources, implement sustainable energy strategies, promote innovative and efficient transportation and land use approaches that produce clear air and more jobs, and develop sound environmental management practices that conserve natural resources. • ELPC runs Transportation and Land Use Reform Projects and

	www.elpc.org	offers a Green Building Lecture Series.
Fannie Mae	Darlene Dugo Senior Deputy Director One So. Wacker; Ste 1300 Chicago, IL 60606 PH: (312) 368-8816 www.darlene_a_dugo@fanniemae.com www.efanniemae.com	Through the development of mortgage products, services, investments, national partnerships and local initiatives, Fannie Mae works to expand the dream of homeownership and affordable rental housing. Fannie Mae is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committed to minority homeownership • Provides resources for homeowner educators • Expands mortgage solutions to toughest housing problems
Great Cities Institute (GCI)	Joy Pamintuan Asst. Director of Research Programs 412 S. Peoria St. Suite 400 Chicago, IL 60607 PH: (312) 996-8280 joyp@uic.edu www.uic.edu/cuppa/gci	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GCI serves as the University of Illinois at Chicago's focal point for new initiatives in interdisciplinary, applied urban research. • GCI has six main focus areas: community development, metropolitan sustainability, health and human development, international partnerships, professional education, and UIC Neighborhoods Initiative (UICNI). • UICNI initiatives include the Affordable Housing Consortium, Affordable Housing Fund, Commercial and Industrial Design Projects, Near West Side Commercial Development, and Utilizing GIS as a Tool for Sustainable Development in Two Chicago Communities. • The GCI Community Development Program includes Workforce Development Partnerships, Housing and Neighborhood Development and Best Practices in Affordable Housing. <p>The Metropolitan Sustainability Program includes the Metropolitan Growth Initiative, Coastal Business and Environment Initiative and the Regional Dialogue on Clean Air and Redevelopment.</p>
Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity	Jack Lavin Director 620 East Adams Springfield, IL 62701 PH: (217) 782-3233 FAX: (217) 557-8942 klavin@commerce.state.il.us Michael L Coddington Area Representative 100 W. Randolph Street, Suite 3-400 Chicago, IL 60601 PH: (312) 814-4955 FAX: (312) 814-2807 mcodding@commerce.state.il.us http://www.commerce.state.il.us/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DCEO is charged with enhancing Illinois' economic competitiveness by providing technical and financial assistance to businesses, local governments, workers and families. • DCEO provides programs and services designed to help Illinois businesses thrive in the global economy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expansion incentives, technology support, access to capital, job training and education for workers; • Nurturing high-tech start-up companies and assisting minority and female small business owners; • Assisting local governments with management and infrastructure needs; • Facilitating the use of innovative energy, recycling and waste reduction technologies; and • Coordinating federal, state and local assistance for low-income families.

<p>Illinois Development Finance Authority (IDFA)</p>	<p>Patrick E. Rea Executive Director 233 S. Wacker Drive; Suite 400 Chicago, IL 60606 PH: (312) 496-1133 FAX: (312) 496-0578 prea@idfa.com</p> <p>Richard K. (Rich) Frampton Principal Program Administrator rframpton@idfa.com</p> <p>www.idfa.com</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IDFA is a self-financed, state-authorized Authority principally engaged in issuing taxable and tax-exempt bonds, making loans, and investing capital for businesses, non-profit corporations, and local government units statewide. • Mission: To foster Illinois' economic development by providing access to capital to public and private institutions that create and improve the quality of life in Illinois. • Role: To support the Governor of Illinois' economic development agenda. • Programs and initiatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fre\$hRate provides mortgage loans to an underserved and deserving population—families with good credit but no resources for a substantial down payment for a home. • Technology Development Bridge is a partnership between IDFA and Illinois Coalition that seeks out, mentors and invests in budding high-tech businesses.
<p>Illinois Housing Development Authority</p>	<p>William Pluta Dir. of Housing Coordination Services 401 N. Michigan Ave.; Ste 600 Chicago, IL 60611 PH: (312) 836-5354 FAX: (312) 832-2191 wpluta@ihda.org</p>	<p>The Authority, operating since 1967 with a mandate from the General Assembly to do all in its power to increase the stock of reasonable priced housing, concentrates its efforts in tow areas: so called "multifamily" housing, which means apartments for rent at rates that low-income people (including elderly and families) can affords, and single-family housing, which means home mortgages available at below-market interest rates.</p>
<p>Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA)</p>	<p>Renee Cipriano Director 100 West Randolph, Ste 11-300 Chicago, IL 60601 PH: (312) 814-6026 FAX: (312) 814-1825 Renee.cipriano@epa.state.il.us www.epa.state.il.us</p>	
<p>Illinois Historic Preservation Agency (IHPA)</p>	<p>Ted Hild Deputy State Preservation Officer 500 East Madison Springfield, IL 62701 PH: (217) 785-4512 Ted_hild@ihpa.state.il.us www.state.il.us/hpa/</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The IHPA administers state and federal historic preservations programs, which include survey, evaluation and protection of historic, architectural and archaeological places of significance. • Activities include assisting local governments and organizations in establishing local preservation programs. • IHPA offers education services to assist teachers and students in researching local and state history
<p>Illinois Main Street</p>	<p>Wendy Bell</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Illinois Main Street is working to promote preservation-based

	<p>Main Street Program Coordinator Office of Lieutenant Governor 414 Stratton Springfield, IL 62706 PH: (217) 782-5990</p> <p>Wendy_bell@ltgov.state.il.us</p>	<p>downtown revitalization.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Illinois Main Street provides educational workshops, on-site consultations, regional and statewide conferences, and other skill development training and technical assistance to participating communities. • Programs focus on comprehensive action, incremental progress, public-private partnerships, action-oriented planning, use of existing assets
<p>Illinois & Michigan Canal National Heritage Corridor Commission</p>	<p>Phyllis M. Ellin Director 201 West Tenth Street; Suite 1-SE Lockport, IL 60441 PH: (815) 588-6040 FAX: (815) 588-6046 Phyllis_ellin@nps.gov</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A 19-member federal commission of the Department of Interior staffed by the National Park Service. Corridor runs from Chicago to LaSalle/Peru along route of historic canal. Goals are to help preserve historic and natural resources, promote public awareness and education about the area, and promote compatible economic development. • Provides a forum for coordination and communication between local and State government and private organizations, develops interpretive materials and publications and supports partners with funding and technical expertise. • Programs: paper and e-mail newsletters, matching grant program, revolving loan fund, interpreters group.
<p>Illinois State Toll Highway Authority</p>	<p>Jack Hartman Executive Director 2700 Ogden Avenue Downers Grove, IL 60515 PH: (630) 241-6800x1000 FAX: (630) 241-6102</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Illinois State Toll Highway Commission was created in 1953 as an administrative agency of the State of Illinois. The tollways receive no tax money. The original construction of the system was financed by the sale of revenue bonds. The repayment of this bond debt and the cost of daily operations and maintenance are met by the collection of tolls.
<p>Illinois Tax Increment Financing Association</p>	<p>Donald F. Eslick Executive Director 2970 Maria Avenue, Suite 215 Northbrook, IL 60062 PH: (847) 509-3494 FAX: (847) 509-3495 doneslick@illinois-tif.com www.illinois-tif.com</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Illinois Tax Increment Finance Association is a public and private membership organization for those engaged in or interested in the use of tax increment financing for urban redevelopment purposes. • Activities include semi-annual conferences, quarterly newsletters, research, information gathering and lobbying.
<p>Metro East Sustainable Resource Group</p>	<p>Noemi Emeric Gateway Regional Team Manager U.S. EPA Region 5 PH: (312) 886-0995 PH: (800) 621-8431 ext. 60995 Emeric.noemi@epa.gov</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Metro East Sustainable Resource Group promotes sustainable growth through collaborative efforts of residents and organizations in the Metro East area. <p>Goals are to protect open space, create transportation options that protect the environment and foster a strong community, improve storm-water management and water quality and coordinate and broaden state</p>

		government and private sector support to local communities.
<p>Metropolitan Mayors Caucus</p>	<p>David Bennett Executive Director 177 N. State St.; Suite 500 Chicago, IL 60601 PH: (312) 201-4505 FAX: (312) 553-4355 dbennett@mayorscaucus.org</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Housing Task Force Agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Garner region-wide support for housing endorsement criteria; • Engage in community outreach, public education and acceptance efforts; • Advocate for “good planning” incentives and rewards; • Encourage the allocation and preservation of resources; • Encourage the allocation of housing production resources; • Establish and maintain support from the private sector; • Advocate for improved administration, counseling and allocation of Housing Choice Vouchers; • Explore ways to reduce school funding reliance on property taxes; • Provide leadership.
<p>Metropolitan Planning Council</p>	<p>MarySue Barrett President Metropolitan Planning Council 25 E. Washington Street, Suite 1600 Chicago, IL 60602 PH: (312) 863-6000 FAX: (312) 922-5619 MSBarrett@metroplanning.org</p> <p>Kristi DeLaurentiis South Suburban Coordinator 25 E. Washington Street, Suite 1600 Chicago, IL 60602 PH: (815) 325-1220 FAX: (312) 922-5619 kdelaurentiis@metroplanning.org</p> <p>www.metroplanning.org</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MPC is a non-profit, non-partisan group of business and civic leaders committed to serving the public interest through the promotion and implementation of sensible planning and development policies necessary for a world-class Chicago region. • MPC conducts policy analysis, outreach and advocacy in partnership with public officials and community leaders to improve equity of opportunity and quality of life throughout metropolitan Chicago. • 2003 Policy Agenda promotes the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Efficient allocation of state resources; • Wealth generation through balanced growth; • Improved education quality and funding; • Redevelopment and reinvestment in older communities; • Coordinated investments in transportation and development; and • Tool for a stronger, safer, more competitive region.
<p>The National Trust for Historic Preservation Midwest Office</p>	<p>Royce A. Yeater Midwest Director 53 W. Jackson Boulevard Suite 350 Chicago, IL 60604 PH: (312) 939-5547 Royce_yeater@nthp.org</p> <p>www.nationaltrust.org</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The National Trust provides leadership, education and advocacy to save America’s diverse historic places and revitalize historic communities. • The National Trust’s Department of Law and Public Policy is responsible for advancing federal, state and local public policies that support, benefit and promote historic preservation. • The Trust Maintains a Legislative Hotline number (1-800-765-NTHP) to inform the public regarding advocacy efforts and late-breaking developments in Congress.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publishes the <i>Preservation Advocate News</i>, preservation news alerts and bulletins
<p>The Nature Conservancy, Illinois Chapter</p>	<p>Jo Jo Gehl 4 Crystal Street Cary, IL 60013 PH: 847-462-9819 jgehl@tnc.org www.tnc.org/states/illinois/</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Nature Conservancy is a non-profit organization that works to preserve plants, animals and natural communities by protecting the lands and waters they need to survive. • The Illinois chapter works to acquire and preserve natural lands in the region. • The Nature Conservancy is currently working with NIPC on watershed issues • The Nature Conservancy conducts studies and reports on the ecological impacts of development.
<p>Nicor GAS</p>	<p>Margi Schiemann Director Community Relations 1844 Ferry Rd. Naperville, IL 60563 PH: (630) 983-8676x2689 FAX: (630) 983-4237 mschiem@nicor.com www.nicor.com</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nicor Gas economic development team supports local and regional economic development efforts by providing energy related assistance. • Nicor Gas verifies gas service availability, provides rate information/customized rate analysis and is available to help clients determine the most effect solutions to meet their energy needs.
<p>Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission (NIPC)</p>	<p>Ron Thomas Executive Director 220 S. Riverside Plaza; Suite 1800 Chicago, IL 60606 PH: (312) 454-0400 FAX: (312) 454-0411 rthomas@nipc.org www.nipc.cog.il.us</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NIPC is the official comprehensive planning agency for the six-county Chicago metropolitan area. • NIPC has three broad responsibilities which include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conducting research required for planning for the region; • Preparing comprehensive plans and policies to guide the development of the region; and • Advising and assisting local governments. <p>Main initiative is a three-year project to develop and advocate a regional growth strategy for Northeastern Illinois with the goal of seeing the region achieve, over the next two decades, continued improvements in the quality and sustainability of its development.</p>
<p>Northwest Municipal Conference</p>	<p>Mark Fowler Executive Director 1616 Golf Road Des Plaines, IL 60016 PH: (847) 296-9200 mfowler@nwmc-cog.org www.nwmc-cog.org</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Northwest Municipal Conference is a membership-supported regional council of government. Membership includes approximately 44 municipalities and five townships in the area north and northwest of Chicago, representing a population of over 1.2 million. • The focus is to provide a means by which member municipalities and townships may cooperate together in the public interest on matters of mutual concern. • Projects include alternative refueling stations (natural gas refueling stations for municipalities), the northwest transit corridor, bike path planning and the Outer Circumferential Rail Project.

<p>Openlands Project</p>	<p>Gerald Adelmann Executive Director PH: (312) 427-4256 ext. 235 jadelmann@openlands.org</p> <p>Richard Acker Regional Land Use Coordinator PH: (312) 427-4256 ext. 387 racker@openlands.org</p> <p>Joyce O'Keefe Assoc. Director & Policy Director PH: (312) 427-4256 ext. 236 jokeefe@openlands.org</p> <p>25 E. Washington St.; Suite 1650 Chicago, IL 60602 www.openlands.org</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Openlands is an independent, non-profit, urban conservation organization dedicated to preserving and enhancing public open space in northeastern Illinois • Openlands provides technical and community organizing assistance for open space planning and neighborhood greening. • Recent reports include <i>The Northeastern Illinois Water Trail Plan</i> and <i>Under Pressure: Land Consumption in Chicago</i>, in conjunction with the Campaign for SensibleGrowth.
<p>Regional Redevelopment Corporation (RRC)</p>	<p>Georgiana Welch 305 East 132nd Street Chicago, IL 60827 PH: (773) 660-9431 FAX: (773) 660-9447 www.rivredcorp@aol.com</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Redevelopment Corporation assists low to moderate income families find affordable housing. Bettering the community through economic development, rehab and new homes and encouraging commercial and retail business to reinvest in the community. Also provides home buyers training and credit counseling.
<p>Regional Transportation Authority (RTA)</p>	<p>Bill Reynolds Principal Analyst 181 W. Madison St.; Suite 1900 Chicago, IL 60602 PH: (312) 917-0753 reynolds@rtachicago.org</p> <p>www.rtachicago.com</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The RTA is a special-purpose unit of local government and a municipal corporation of the State of Illinois. Its mission is to ensure financially sound, comprehensive and coordinated public transportation for northeastern Illinois. • Programs include transit-oriented development and the promotion of more efficient land use; privatization; the Regional Technical Assistance Program; and the Northwest Corridor Study. • Publications include the <i>RTA Fact Book</i>. • The RTA website provides links to other transportation resources
<p>SBC</p>	<p>Sam Balark Director- External Affairs 225 West Randolph St.; Ste 27-C Chicago, IL 60606 PH: (312) 727-7572 FAX: (312) 727-1571 Sb8658@sbc.com</p>	<p>The SBC Foundation supports community development initiatives that promote economic growth and build the capacity of community-based organizations to serve their clients. The Foundation looks for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technology education initiatives that develop basic and intermediate technology workforce skills • Programs that strengthen nonprofits through effective integration of technology

	<p>Dave Meiners Director- External Affairs 65 West Webster, Floor 1 Joliet, IL 60432 PH: (815) 727-0424 FAX: (815) 727-0426 Davin.w.meiners@ameritech.com</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initiatives that integrate technology to improve community infrastructure • Programs that provide technology access and basic technology instruction, particularly to underserved communities • Initiatives that expand and develop supplier diversity • Leadership development programs, particularly those that focus on under-represented minorities
<p>Sierra Club Illinois Chapter</p>	<p>Jack Darin State Coordinator 200 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 505 Chicago, IL 60601 PH: (312) 251-1680 jack.darin@sierraclub.org www.sierraclub.org/chapters/il</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Sierra Club is a national, grassroots organization dedicated to protecting the environment. • Publishes reports, newsletters and the <i>Sierra Club</i> magazine. • The Sierra Club provides activist resources for fighting urban sprawl available via the website. • The Illinois Chapter offers Illinois Telephone Activist Network alerts.
<p>South Metropolitan Regional Leadership Center @ GSU</p>	<p>Ron Bean Executive Director 1 University Parkway University Park, IL 60466 PH: (708) 534-6970 FAX: (708) 534-1165 r-bean@govst.edu http://www.lincollnet.net/</p>	<p>The development of the LincolnNet is in response to the work of the Regional Action Project/2000+, a grassroots regional action initiative spearheaded by Governors State University and the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association in the spring 1994. The vision of the Lincoln project is to serve as a location for the gathering and sharing of information and to provide community members, elected officials, business and civic organizations with an environment in which cooperation and problem solving can be fostered.</p>
<p>South Suburban Chicago Brownfields Coalition (SSCBC)</p>	<p>Karen Hoffschmidt Brownfields Coordinator South Sub. Mayors & Managers Assoc. 1904 W. 174th Street PH: (708) 206-1155 FAX: (708) 206-1133 Karen@ssmma.org www.ssmma.org</p>	<p>Now a group of eight, the SSCBC was originally five communities (Chicago Heights, Lansing, Posen, Riverdale, and South Chicago Heights) working together to identify, prioritize and assess brownfield sites with funding through a USEPA Brownfields Assessment pilot and IEPA Brownfields Redevelopment grants for each community. With the addition of Burnham, Markham and Robbins and a second USEPA Brownfield Assessment grant in 2003, the SSCBC will continue to identify, prioritize and assess brownfield sites, more broadly stimulating redevelopment in the south suburban region.</p>
<p>South Suburban Mayors & Managers Association</p>	<p>Edward Paesel Executive Director 1904 W. 174th Street East Hazel Crest, IL 60429 PH: (708) 206-1155 FAX: (708) 206-1133 paesel@ssmma.org www.ssmma.org</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Located south of the city of Chicago, the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association is an intergovernmental agency providing technical assistance and joint services to 43 municipalities representing a population over 625,000 in Cook and Will counties. • SSMMA members work cooperatively on land use, transportation, legislation, economic development, solid waste management, purchasing, storm water planning, infrastructure, human resources, and housing issues. <p>SSMMA is organized: to provide a means by which geographically</p>

		<p>related municipalities in the area south of Chicago could cooperate; to explore and recommend solutions to common municipal problems; to develop and administer and/or foster intergovernmental programs on a voluntary basis; to develop a common voice on municipal positions in the Southern Suburbs and to communicate these positions as a single voice to the legislative, executive, and judicial branches of state and federal government as well as applicable private organizations; to cooperate with other municipalities, municipal groups and intergovernmental organizations in the Chicago area, the State of Illinois and the United States toward solutions to municipal problems; to provide general governmental assistance to member municipalities; and to improve the economic climate and quality-of-life in the Southern Suburbs and the entire metropolitan region by working with other regional and sub-regional organizations.</p>
<p>Southwest Conference of Mayors</p>	<p>Victoria Smith Executive Director 14700 S. Ravinia Avenue Orland Park, IL 60462 PH: (708) 403-6132 FAX: (708) 403-6113 vsmith9739@aol.com www.lincolnet.net</p>	
<p>Tri-County Regional Planning Commission</p>	<p>Terry Kohlbus Executive Director 411 Hamilton; Suite 2001 Peoria, IL 61602 PH: (309) 673-9330 tkohlbus@tricityrpc.org</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Tri-County Regional Planning Commission is the planning commission for Peoria, Tazewell and Woodford counties in Illinois • The commission coordinates transportation and land use planning for sustainable development and natural resource preservation.
<p>The Trust for Public Land (TPL)</p>	<p>Chris Slattery Director 53 W. Jackson Blvd.; Suite 1663 Chicago, IL 60604 PH: (312) 427-1979 Chris.slattery@tpl.org www.tpl.org</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TPL is a national nonprofit organization working to help communities protect land that may be threatened by urban or suburban sprawl by pioneering new ways to finance parks and open space. • TPL publishes books and reports on the economic benefits of creating parks and conserving open spaces, conservation finance and conservation as a smart growth strategy. • TPL offers <i>Land and People</i>—a full color magazine published twice a year. • Regional and state offices publish regular newsletters and news bulletins.
<p>Turnstone Development</p>	<p>Kathy McDonough Executive Director</p>	

	<p>310 South Michigan Ave.; Ste 1500 Chicago, IL 60604-4202 PH: (312) 542-4650 FAX: (312) 957-0958 K.McD@att.net www.turnstonedev.org</p>	
<p>Urban Land Institute (ULI): Chicago District Council</p>	<p>John Mays President jmays@gouldratner.com</p> <p>Correspondence to: Cynthia A. McSherry 2936 W. Leland Ave. Chicago, IL 60625 PH: (773) 604-8322 www.uli.org www.Chicago.uli.org</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ULI is a non-profit education and research institute with a mission to provide responsible leadership in the use of land in order to enhance the total environment. ULI members are realtors and developers. • ULI provides research, project analysis and advisory services, forums and workshops on smart growth issues. • Issue areas include infill development, land use and transportation, identifying sources of capital for real estate development, and urban neighborhood revitalization. • The Chicago District Council of ULI is working with the Metropolitan Planning Council and the Campaign for Sensible Growth to implement a long-range smart growth education program on affordable housing. • ULI produced "<i>Creating Value Through Smart Growth</i>," a report summarizing the results of a series of leadership forums on growth. Now available on the Campaign for Sensible Growth website www.growingsensibly.org. • Technical Assistance Panels (TAPs)
<p>U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA)</p>	<p>James Vanderkloot Brownfield Coordinator Region 5 77 W. Jackson Blvd. Chicago, IL 60604 PH: (312) 353-3161 FAX: (312) 886-2737 vanderkloot.james@epamail.epa.gov</p>	
<p>U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), Illinois District Office</p>	<p>Sam McGrier Assistant Dir. for Business Development 500 West Madison, Suite 1250 Chicago, IL 60661-2511 PH: (312) 353-5060 FAX: (312) 886-5688 Horace.mcgrier@sba.gov www.sba.gov</p>	<p>The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) was created in 1953 as an independent agency of the federal government to aid, counsel, assist and protect the interests of small business concerns, to preserve free competitive enterprise and to maintain and strengthen the overall economy of our nation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free counseling, advice and information on starting a business through the Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE). • Financial assistance for new or existing businesses through guaranteed loans made by area bank and non-bank lenders. • Free consulting services through the network of Small Business Development Centers.

<p>Wetlands Research, Inc.</p>	<p>Dr. Donald L. Hey Senior VP 53 W. Jackson, Ste. 1015 Chicago, IL 60604 PH: (312) 922-0777 dhey@wetlands-initiative.org www.wetlands-initiative.org</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Wetlands Initiative focuses on restoration and preservation of river and wetland systems and natural aquatic ecosystems. • Projects include acquisition and restoration of the Hennepin Drainage and Levee District in Putnum County and a research project at Swan Lake in Putnum County. • Publications include <i>Wetland Restoration</i>, which describes how to reverse wetland losses.
<p>Will County Center for Economic Development</p>	<p>John Greuling President & CEO 116 N. Chicago Street, Suite 101 Joliet, IL 60432 PH: (815) 774-6060 FAX: (815) 723-6972 john.greuling@willcountyced.com</p> <p>Robert Herrick VP, Communications and Government Affairs PH: 815-774-6065 bob.herrick@willcountyced.com</p> <p>Thomas Mahalik VP, City Center Marketing PH: (815) 774-6067 tom.Mahalik@jolietdowntown.com</p> <p>www.willcountyced.com</p>	<p>The Will County Center for Economic Development (CED) is a not-for-profit foundation funded primarily by the private sector to attract and retain jobs for Will County. The CED is the economic development agency of record for Will County government. Services include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comprehensive business data • Complete list of the 99 business parks in Will County • Available sites and buildings for commercial/industrial development • Information about financial, tax and employee training incentives for businesses • Government relations assistance, e.g. zoning, infrastructure, permitting • Workforce preparedness
<p>Will County Governmental League</p>	<p>Steve Quigley Executive Director 50 East Jefferson Street; Suite 101 Joliet, IL 60432 PH: (815) 722-7280 FAX: (815) 722-0528 Saquigley11@attbi.com www.wcgl.org</p>	<p>The Will County Governmental League is a not for profit association comprised of 29 municipalities and Will County. The League is organized to provide a forum for municipalities to discuss and resolve regional issues of mutual concern. The scope of activities includes transportation, legislation and intergovernmental relations.</p>
<p>World Business Chicago</p>	<p>Vernita Gary Regional Coordinator 177 N. State Street; 5th Floor Chicago, IL 60601 PH: (312) 553-4927 FAX: (312) 553-4355 vgary@worldbusinesschicago.com</p>	<p>World Business Chicago (WBC) is a public-private economic development corporation co-chaired by Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley and Michael D. O'Halleran, President and Chief Operating Officer of Aon Corpotayion. The mission is to expand the Chicago regional economy through the growth of the private sector. WBC markets the competitive advantage of Chicago and the 9-</p>

	www.worldbusinesschicago.com	county region to retain and attract business. WBC works with companies through the entire facility location or expansion process without charge.
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DeVry University	Bill Edwards Campus Dean 18624 West Creek Drive Tinley Park, IL 60477 PH: (708) 342-3300 FAX: (708) 342-3215 bedwards@tp.devry.edu Edward Jodelka College and Business Liaison ejodelka@tp.devry.edu www.tp.devry.edu	
Governors State University South Metropolitan Regional Higher Education Consortium	Genny Boesen Executive Director South Metropolitan Regional Higher Education Consortium University Park, IL 60466-0975 PH: (708) 534-4984 FAX: (708) 534-8458 g-boesen@govst.edu www.smrhec.org www.govst.edu	The South Metropolitan Regional Education Consortium is organized to foster new and enhanced educational services and programs to citizens, businesses and other institutions in the region. Through institutional collaboration, the Consortium emphasizes the development of instructional models and delivery systems that will give students and employers access to higher education and training opportunities in the most effective means possible.
Moraine Valley Community College	Dir. of Small Business Development	

	<p>Services 10900 88th Avenue Palos Hills, IL 60465-0937 PH: (708) 974-4300 FAX: (708) 974-0078</p> <p>www.moraine.cc.il.us</p>	
<p>Prairie State College</p>	<p>Steve Nunes V.P. of Community and Economic Development 202 S. Halsted Street Chicago Heights, IL 60426 PH: (708) 709-3545 FAX: (708) 709-7769 snunes@prairie.cc.il.us www.prairie.cc.il.us</p>	
<p>Saint Xavier University</p>	<p>Dr. John Eber 3700 West 103rd Street Chicago, IL 60655 PH: (773) 298-3000 FAX: (773) 298-3610 eber@sxu.edu www.sxu.edu</p>	
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<p>Bedford Park, Village of</p>	<p>Dan Nisavic Village Administrator 6701 Archer Avenue Bedford Park, IL 60501-0128 PH: (708) 458-2067</p>	

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Burnham, City of	<p>Donald J. Danewicz Mayor 14450 Manistee Avenue Burnham, IL 60633 PH: (708) 862-9150 FAX: (708) 862-9155</p>	
Calumet City, City of	<p>James Gigliotti</p>	

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Crete, Village of	<p>Mike Smith Director of Building & Economic Development 524 West Exchange Street Crete, IL 60417 PH: (708) 672-2731 FAX: (708) 672-3920 billcrete@juno.com</p>	
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Dolton, Village of	<p>Bert Herzog Economic Development Coordinator 14014 Park Avenue Dolton, IL 60419 PH: (708) 201-3359 FAX: (708) 201-3358 bertherzog@vodolton.com www.villageofdolton.com</p>	
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