

Q1, 2022 PROGRAM REPORT

Board of Directors Update



Mission & Objective

The Economic Alliance of Kankakee County is a public-private partnership that works to create jobs and expand the economic base by improving the local business climate in Kankakee County.

The Alliance employs a collaborative approach to support development in the strategic areas of business retention, expansion and attraction, and workforce and community development.



2022 Board of Directors

The Economic Alliance of Kankakee County Board of Directors is comprised of private-sector leaders and elected members of the Kankakee County Board.

Chairman Jeff Hammes, President / CEO, Peoples Bank

Vice Chair Michael Boyd, President, Kankakee Community College

Jeff Bennett, Managing Partner, McColly Bennett Real Estate

David Johns, Partner, Geoffrey, Johns & Associates

Melissa Kahoun, Environmental Compliance Manager, Aqua Illinois

Phil Kambic, President / CEO, Riverside Healthcare

Stephen Liehr, Kankakee County Board

Steve Magruder, IBEW retired

Pat Martin, Market President, Midland States Bank

Chad Miller, Kankakee County Board

Theodis Pace, President, Kankakee County NAACP

Samuel Payton, Kankakee County Board

Maureen Powell, Head of Communications, CSL Behring Kankakee

Christopher Shride, President / CEO, AMITA Health

Russell Tobey, Vice President, Kankakee Valley Construction Co.

Andrew Wheeler, Kankakee County Board





Livability

PROVIDING AN ECONOMICAL COST OF LIVING

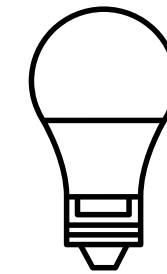


Kankakee County

Cost of Living Composite Index: 88.7



Housing: 71.8



Utilities: 91.2



Health Care: 97.7



Grocery Items: 99.5



Transportation: 115

Housing Prices

Kankakee County Rental Cost: \$902

Average Rental Cost: \$1,218

Kankakee County Home Cost: \$280,343




Average Home Cost: \$398,690

Kankakee County Total Energy Cost: \$139.31

Average Total Energy Cost: \$170.97

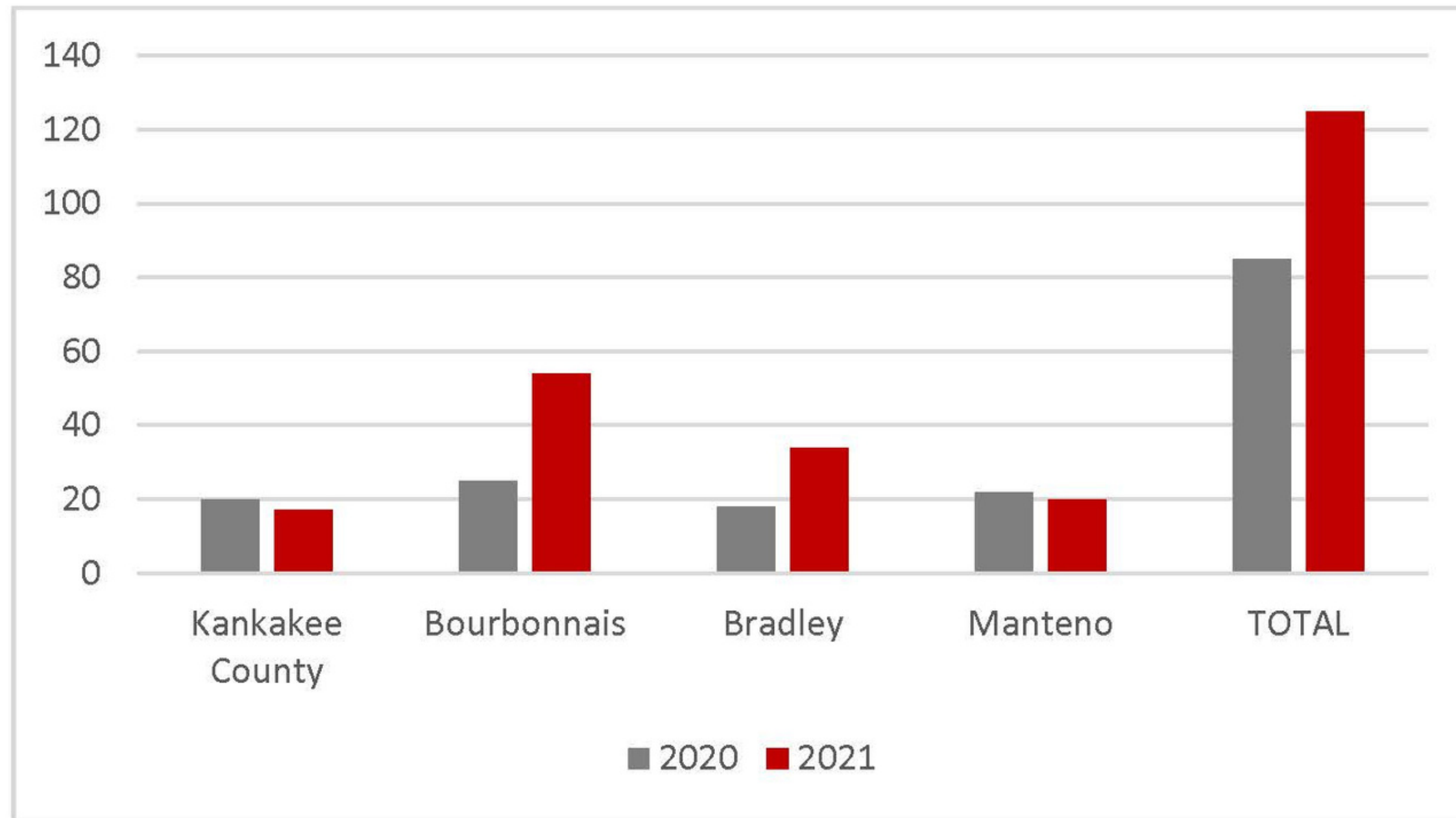
Kankakee County Housing Sales

Single Family Homes

	Units Sold	Average Sale Price	Days on Market
2021	1,350	\$194,513	46
Change from 2020	 6%	 14%	 47%



Housing Permits Increase in 2021

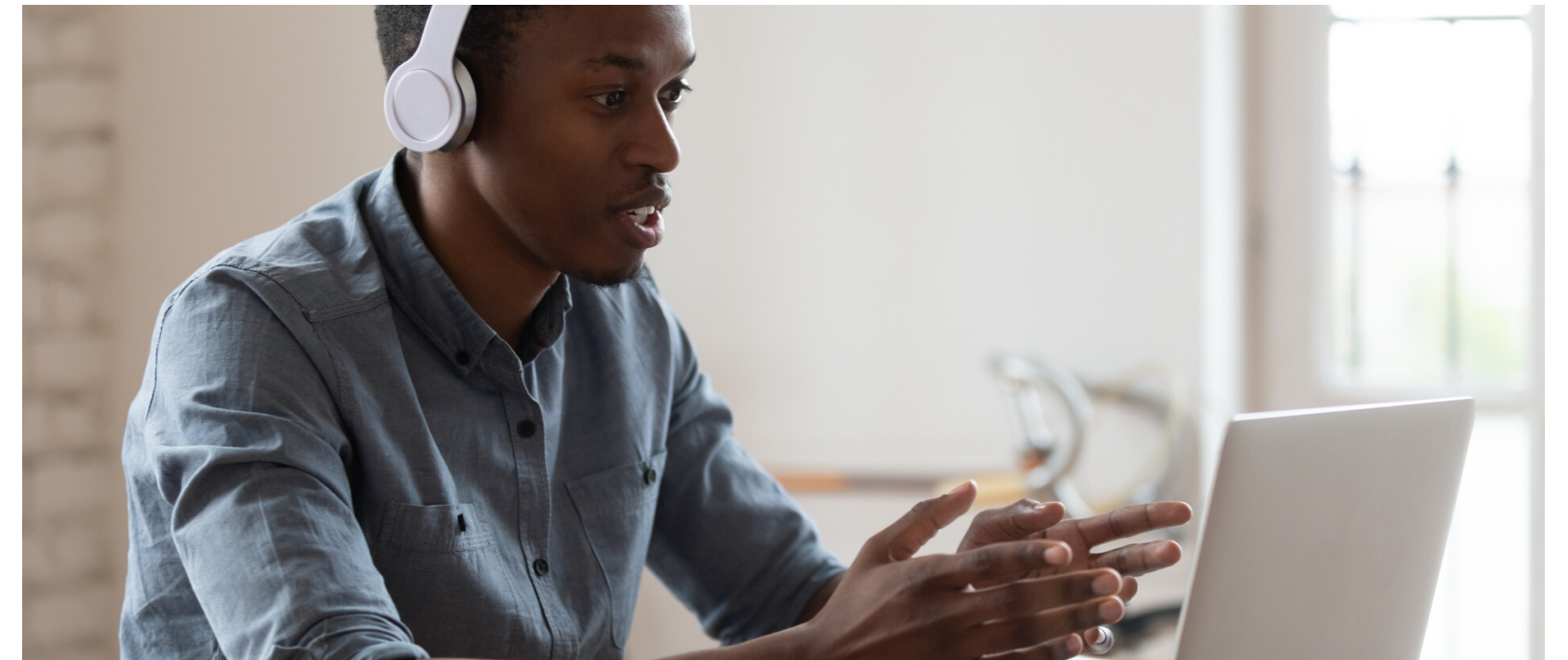


	2021
Kankakee County	17
Bourbonnais	54
Bradley	34
Manteno	20
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TOTAL	125



Workforce

DEVELOPING AND RETAINING
STRENGTH IN TALENT



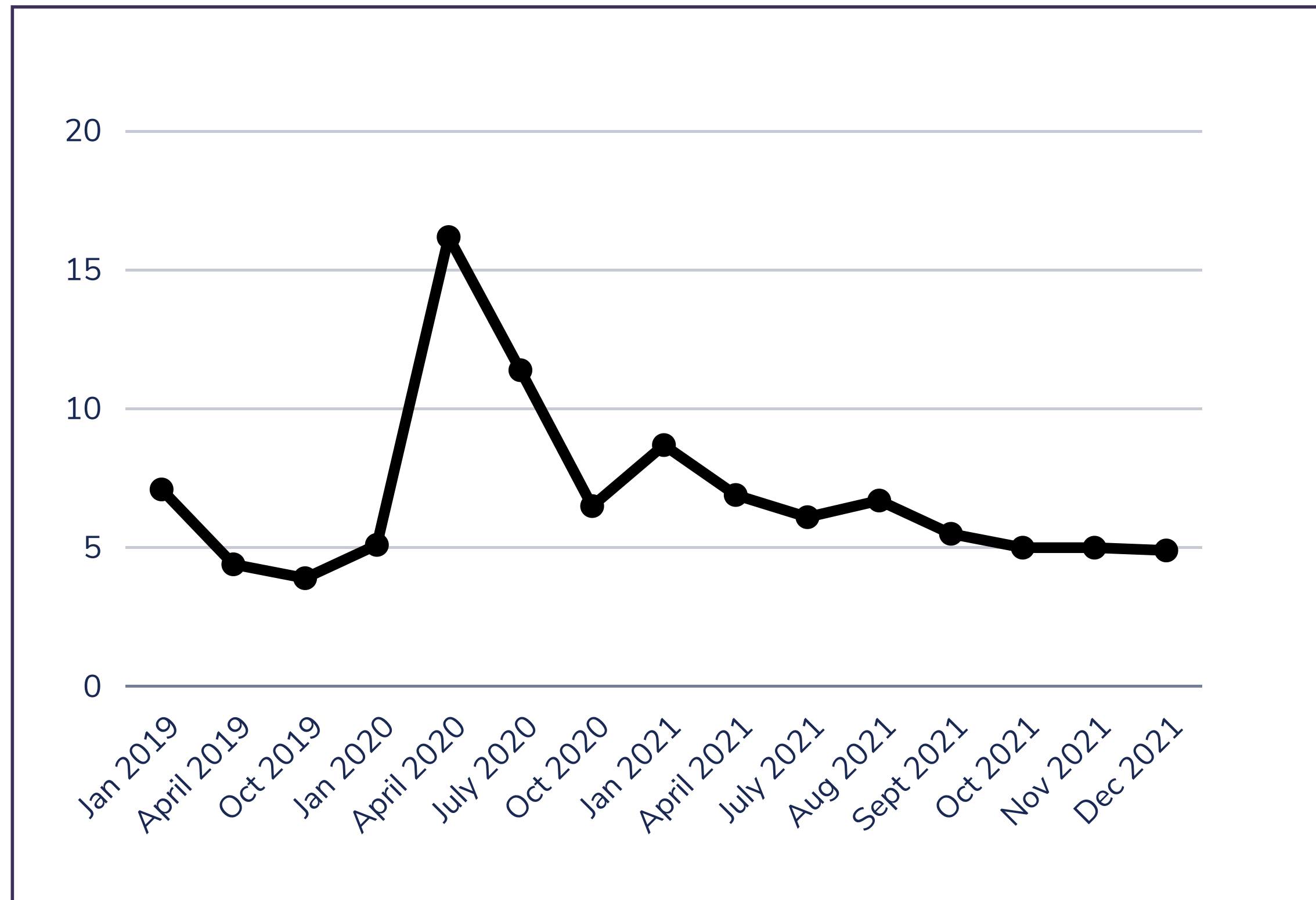
Workforce

4.9%

Kankakee County
unemployment,
December 2021

5.3%

Illinois
unemployment,
December 2021



Workforce



Incentives

- Increased wages and benefits
- Sign-on and retention bonus
- Paid training, certifications
- Job flexibility - work/life balance

Challenges

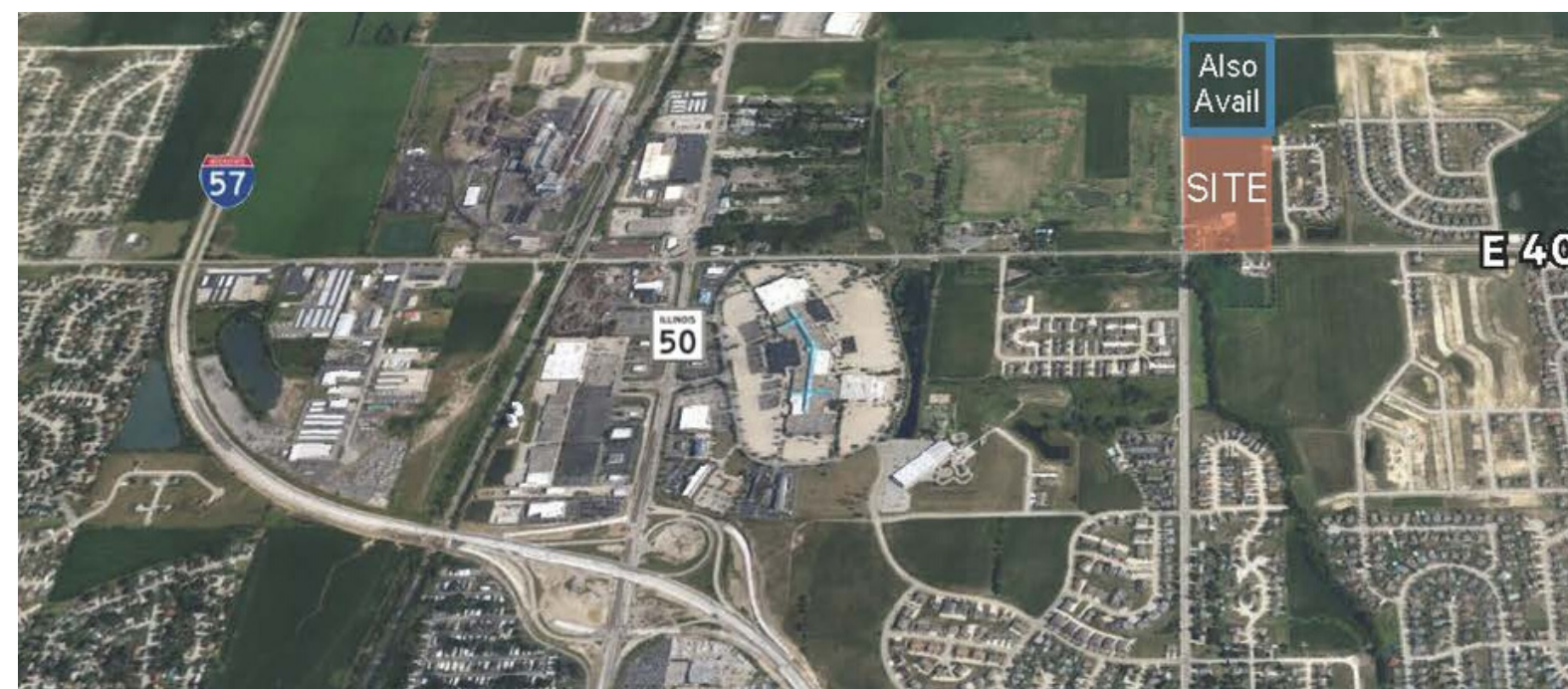
- Reduction in workforce
- Child care / dependent care barriers
- Transportation logistics
- Covid 19 / health concerns
- Government incentives





Development News

COUNTY-WIDE GROWTH AND EXPANSION





2021

21 NEW PROJECTS ANNOUNCED

\$256M CAPITAL INVESTMENT

58K+ SF OF DEVELOPMENT





2021

23 RFI PROJECT REQUESTS

49 PROPERTIES SUBMITTED





SHOW BUS enhancements

\$360,000 to replace paratransit vehicles
\$700,000 for upgraded vehicle storage facility

Visit www.showbusonline.org/kankakee.html

\$1.06M Rebuild Illinois Transit Grant



\$10M Investment in Kankakee Facility

80,000 SF warehouse addition

30-50 new positions

\$75,000 in ARPA funds from Kankakee County
for nearby road construction

Rebuild Illinois Greater Kankakee Airport

- \$1.6M in Capital funding through Rebuild Illinois Improvement Program
- \$179K in local funding
- Widen taxiway and relocate taxiway D
- Support from 19 local businesses





Gar Creek Solar

South Kankakee

Developed by Trajectory Energy Partners, an Illinois Solar for All Community Project

Visit by Department of Energy Secretary
Jennifer Granholm, December 2021

Under construction, online expectation 2022

Eligible residents [sign up here](#).



Van Drunen Farms Warehouse Fire

- 80,000 SF freeze-drying facility a 'total loss', 125 employees affected following Jan. 2 fire
- In contact with Van Drunen Farms owners and IL Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity

Firefighters battle fire at Van Drunen Farms plant in Momence

Daily Journal staff report Jan 2, 2022



The Van Drunen Farms Tuthill Plant in Momence caught fire Sunday morning. [READ MORE.](#)

Submitted photo by Patrick Sweetie



MORE INFORMATION



**Van Drunen site
'total loss' after fire**

MOMENCE — Multiple fire departments battled a fire Sunday morning at the Van Drunen Farms Tuthill Plant on the east side of the city.

The fire broke out at 6:08 a.m. Sunday at the 11341 E. Illinois Route 114 facility, with an emergency monitoring service triggering an alarm, according to a statement released by Van Drunen.

"Emergency crews from multiple districts were on site immediately," that statement said. "The cause of the fire and extent of the damage



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Grant Supports

- State of Illinois Tourism Grant support for Village of Bradley. Participation in tourism feasibility study.
- Rebuild Main Streets & Downtown grant support for Villages of Bourbonnais, Bradley, Manteno, Herscher; and J. Jeffers on behalf of City of Kankakee for Project Catalyst.
- Rebuild Illinois Airport Capital Improvement Program Grant support for Greater Kankakee Airport: secured 19 Kankakee County businesses to support grant application.
- US DOT Directive Spending Program for City of Kankakee's Brookmont Blvd. reconstruction.





Business Retention

OUTREACH AND ASSISTANCE WITH TOP
EMPLOYERS, MUNICIPALITIES AND DEVELOPERS



Business Retention

- 6 Million cans / day
- 2 Billion cans / year
- 151 full-time employees, shifts: 24/7, 365
- Attribute to success:
'The People & the Process'
- 2020 Most Improved Plant of the Year



Business Retention

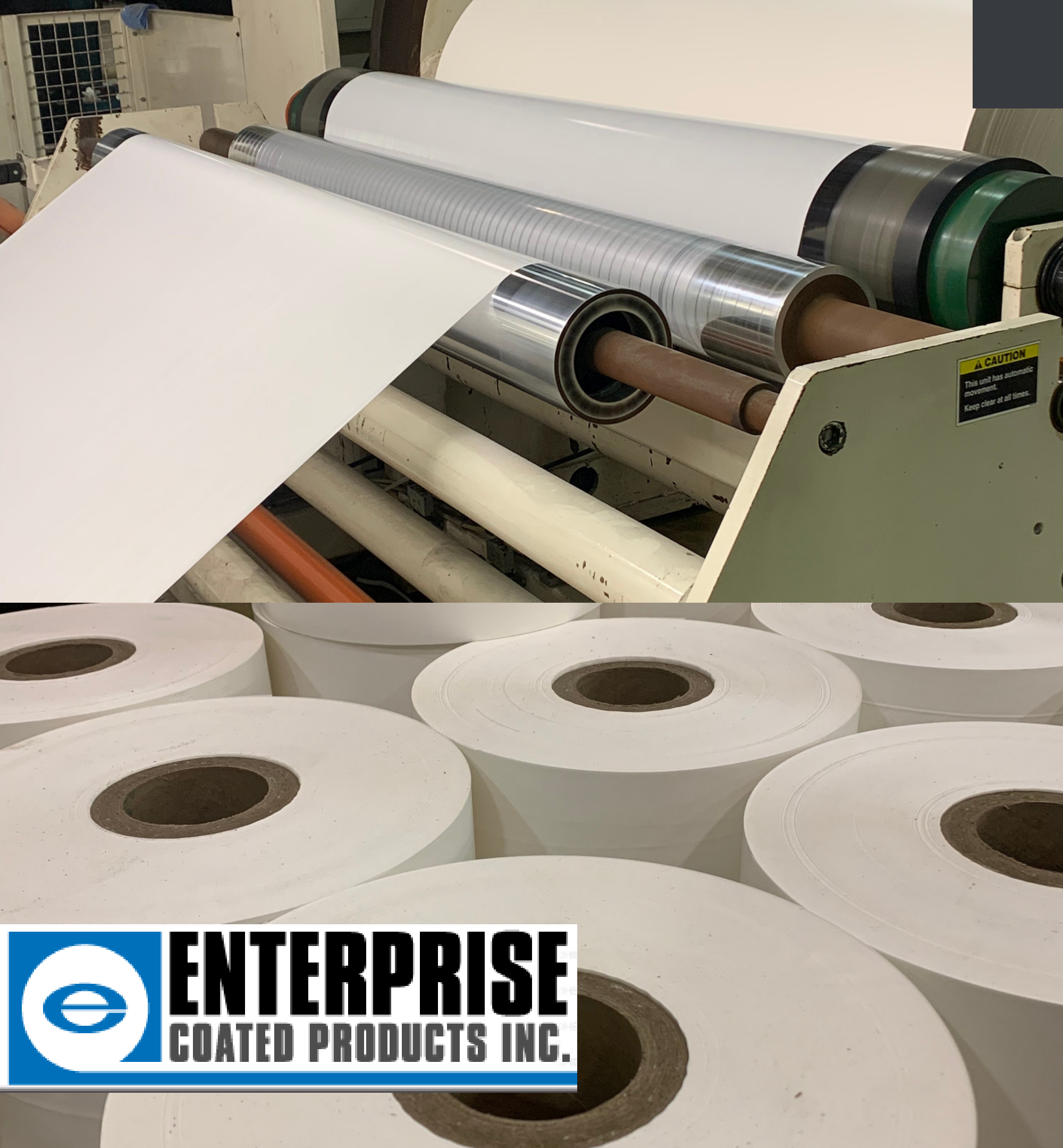
- Located on S. Kensington Ave in Kankakee
- Division 5 structural contractor
- Local projects include Oak Orthopedic, Riverside Healthcare, bridge work
- Produce 6-7,000 tons of steel/year
- 16 full-time employees



STEELFAB
STRUCTURAL STEEL FABRICATORS



Business Retention



- Located in Manteno
Diversatech Industrial Park
since 1997
- Medical grade release paper for
bandages, labels, etc.
- 21 employees, hiring 10;
starting wages at \$18/hour
- Transport 160,000 lbs/day
across US, Canada and Mexico





384

Kankakee County
Applicants

29

Kankakee County
Recipients

\$1,255,000

Awarded Locally





Emails from:

team@loanwell.com

Allies for Community Business
(A4CB)

Check Grant Status

<https://a4cb.loanwell.com>

Appeal Grant Decision

[File an appeal here](#)

or Contact: 312-924-2189



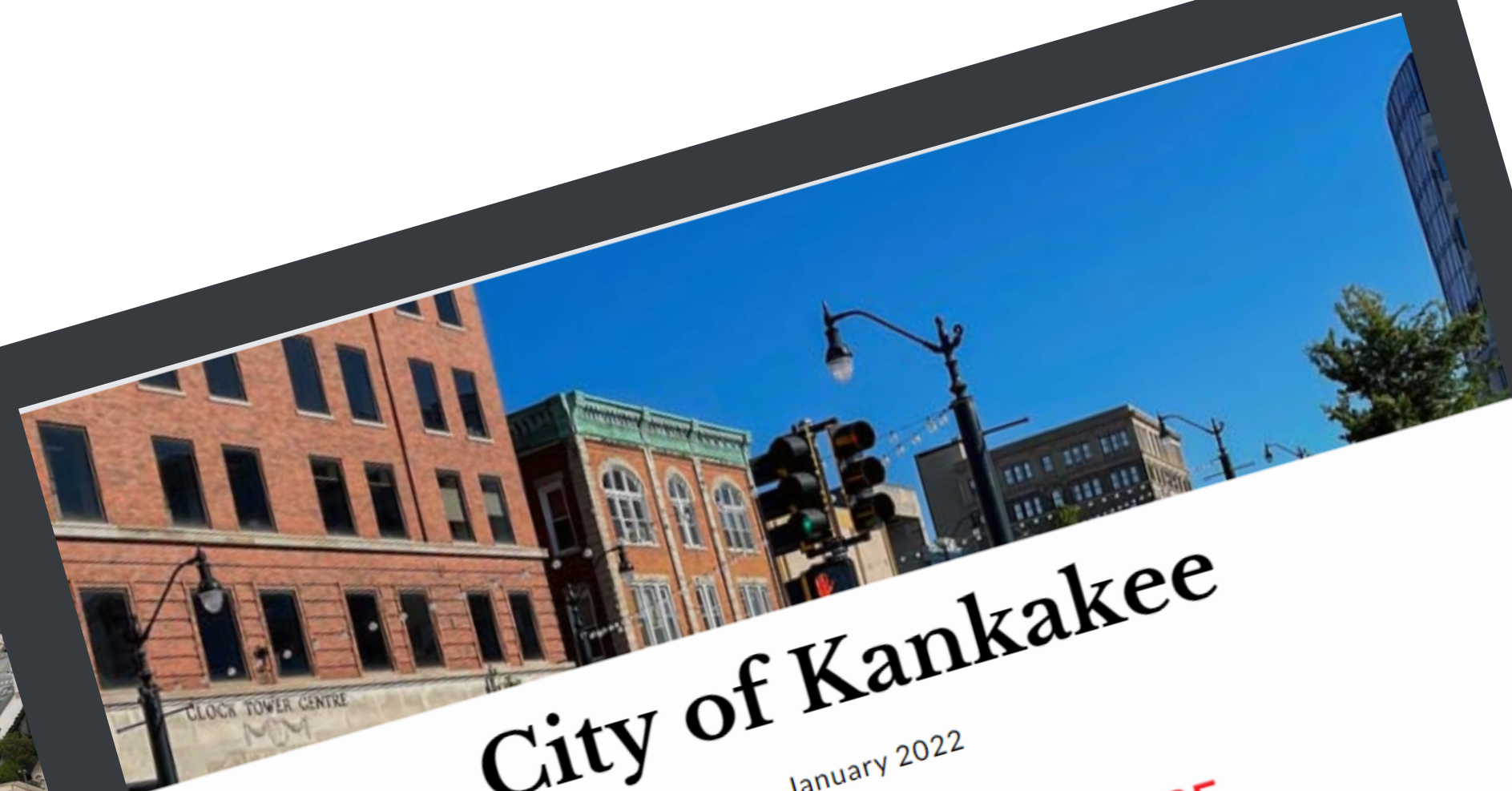
Region-wide Outreach





Kankakee County Board Update

January 2022



City of Kankakee

January 2022



2021 Recap Presentations



Potential Kankakee Impact Investment

- Clothing manufacturing headquarters, digital platform for operations
- Assessing Kankakee sites for campus headquarters

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BETA





Community Outreach

- Pembroke Township / Hopkins Park Natural Gas Pipeline steering committee
- Monthly meetings with the City of Kankakee Economic Development team
- Regional economic development summit with northern Illinois development partners:
 - Intersect Illinois
 - ComEd regional team leaders
 - Will, Cook, Lake, Dupage, Grundy, Kendall & Kane Counties

Board and Committee Participation

United Way of Kankakee & Iroquois Counties

Kankakee County Convention & Visitors Bureau

Community Foundation of Kankakee River Valley

Healthy Business Alliance of Kankakee County

City of Momence Vision 2030 Task Force

Pembroke Township & Village of Hopkins Park Utility Infrastructure Initiative

Kankakee Development Corporation

Venture Kankakee County

U.S. Rep. Robin Kelly's Economic Development Task Force

Grundy Livingston Kankakee Workforce Board Talent Outreach

Kankakee County Chamber of Commerce Legislative Committee

Illinois Industrial Biotechnology Coalition

Kankakee Area Human Resource Managers' Association marketing partner

Kankakee Community College Business/Office Professional Advisory Committee

Kankakee Community College Manufacturing Technology Advisory Committee

Kankakee Area Career Center Executive Advisory Committee

International Economic Development Council

Great Lakes Economic Development Council





Marketing & Project Initiatives

FREE SEMINAR



- **INTERACTIVE SEMINAR**

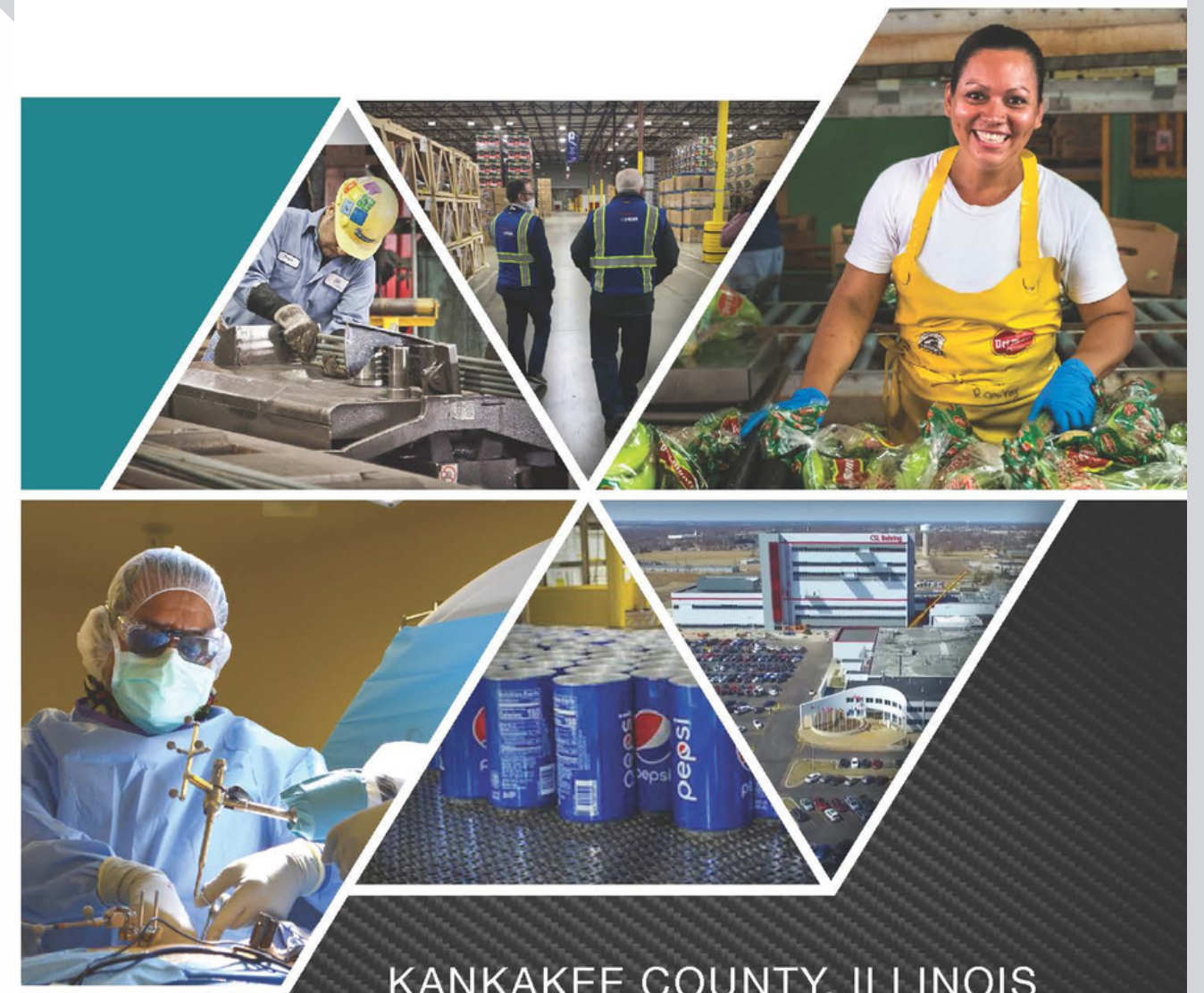


2022 Market Profile



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KANKAKEE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Google My Business Seminars

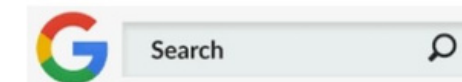
Collaborative with Kankakee County Chamber of Commerce & Chicago Southland Chamber

FREE SEMINAR



- **INTERACTIVE SEMINAR**
- **BRING YOUR OWN COMPUTER**

LEARN HOW TO ADVANCE
YOUR PRESENCE ON



TWO DATES AVAILABLE:

FEBRUARY 22

OR

MARCH 15

11 AM - 1 PM

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250 W. JOHN CASEY ROAD
BOURBONNAIS, IL

Registration is free, but limited.

Kankakeecountychamber.com

Featuring Google
Trusted Photographer
& Google My Business
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Jorge Norrick of New
Frontera's, Inc.



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Small Business Resources

Visit Illinois DCEO at: www2.illinois.gov



SMALL BUSINESS COMMUNITY NAVIGATORS

ASK US HOW WE CAN HELP!

- Marketing
- Financing
- Business Plans
- Mentorship
- Counseling
- Paycheck Protection Loan
- GATA Support
- I-STEP Program

THE STATE'S FIRST B2B GRANT HAS WRAPPED UP BUT...

SMALL BUSINESS RELIEF IS STILL AVAILABLE

- If you are looking for entrepreneurial related assistance from Small Business Development Centers such as marketing, financing, business plans, mentorship, and counseling, etc,

WE CAN HELP

- If you took out a Paycheck Protection Plan Loan and need help with PPP forgiveness,

WE CAN HELP

- If you need GATA pre-qualification to get grants from the State of Illinois
- If you are curious about Participation Loan Program (PLP) under Advantage Illinois, and other forms of capital access.

WE CAN HELP

- If you are wondering whether your company's exports qualify you for the ISTEP Program's exporting grants,

WE CAN HELP

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2022 Board of Director Meetings

- April 14
- June 9
- September 8
- November 10

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Thank You

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