

WELCOME

Board of Directors Update



 **ECONOMIC ALLIANCE**
OF KANKAKEE COUNTY

Q2, 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, Executive Vice President/Community Pres., Iroquois Federal

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, Regional President, Ascension Saint Joseph - Joliet &
Ascension Saint Mary - Kankakee

Russell Tobey, Vice President, Kankakee Valley Construction Co.

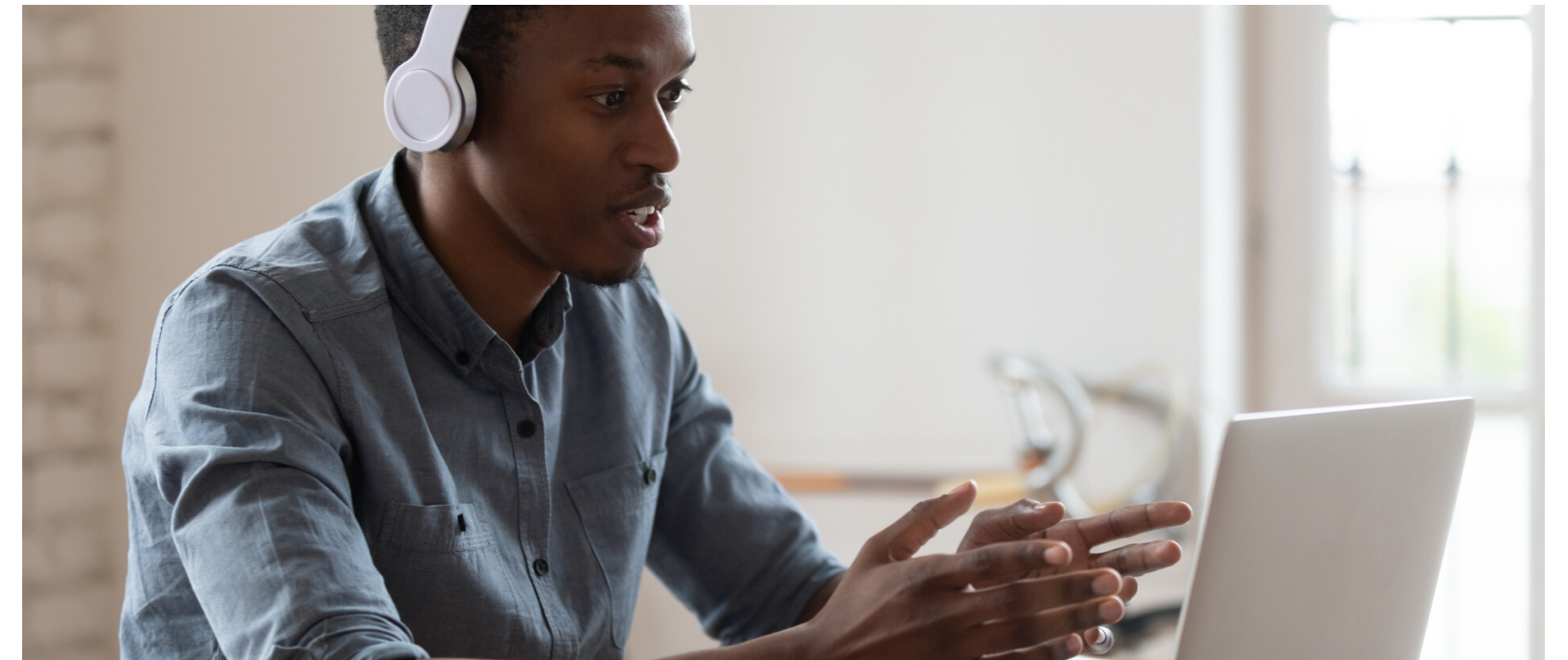
Andrew Wheeler, Kankakee County Board





Workforce

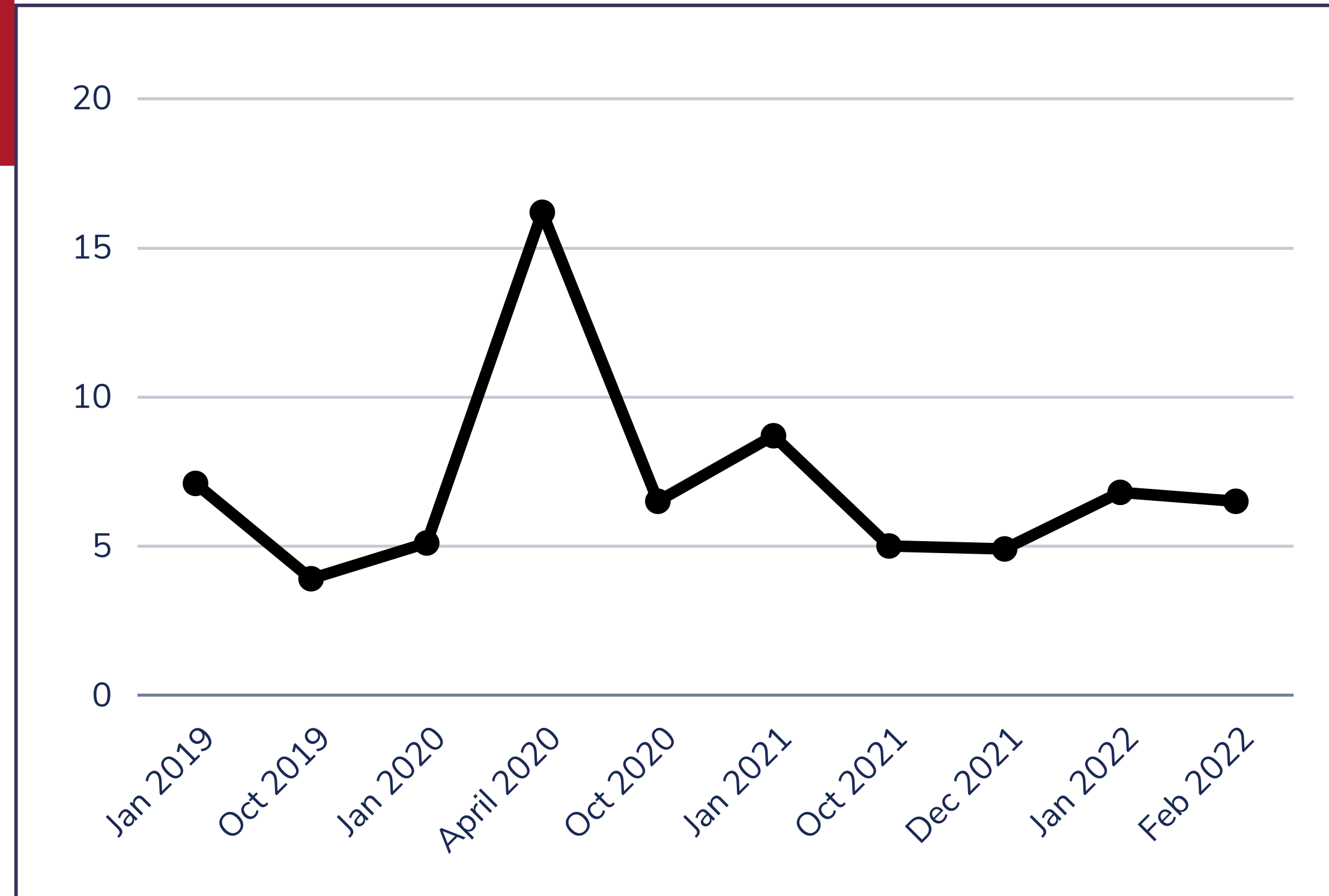
DEVELOPING AND RETAINING
STRENGTH IN TALENT

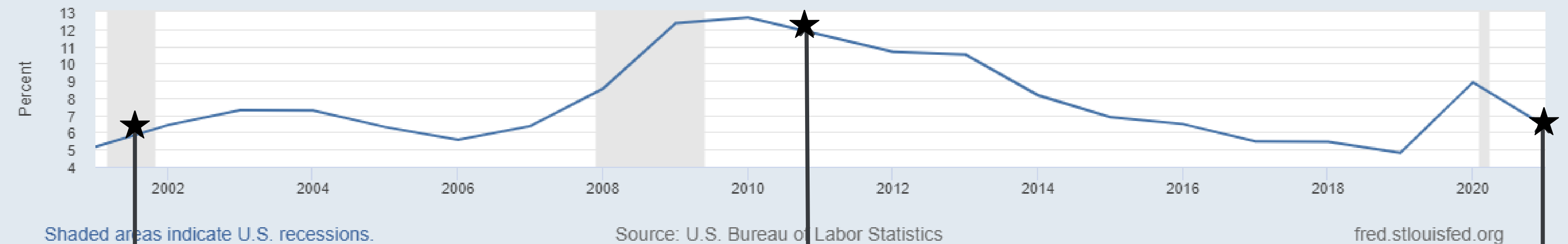


Unemployment

6.5% Kankakee County
unemployment,
February 2022

5.0% Illinois
unemployment,
February 2022





2001
5.2%

2011
11.7%

2021
6.3%

20 Year Unemployment

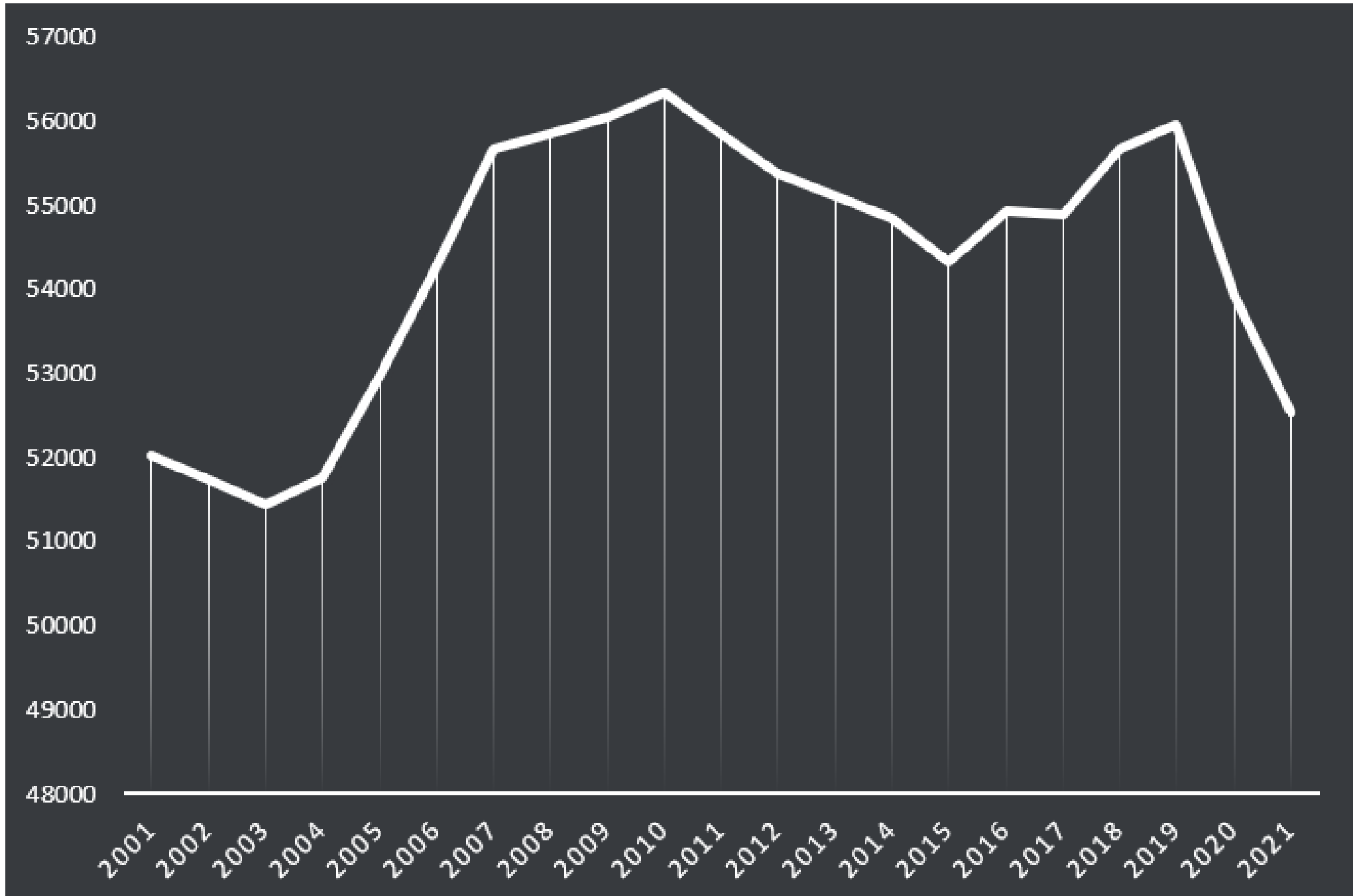
Kankakee County

TREND: Unemployment
lower than 10 years ago,
higher than 20 years ago



Available Laborforce

Kankakee County



2001 52,028

2011 55,846

2021 52,552

TREND: Fewer people in
workforce than 10 years ago





Community Development

COUNTY-WIDE GROWTH AND EXPANSION



Bourbonnais

Community Campus Plan Unveiled



- Two-sided performance stage
- Pedestrian walkway, connected paths, splash pad, family changing rooms, ADA playground, sitting area with firepits
- Construction to begin Summer 2022
<https://www.villageofbourbonnais.com/>





- \$81.5M reconstruction in IDOT FY 2022-2027 budget
- Phase 2 engineering begins 2022
- Project details available here: bit.ly/IDOT308

Kankakee

Exit 308 Reconstruction



Photos: Hitchcock Design Group/Kankakee Riverfront Society

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East Riverwalk Design



Photos: Hitchcock Design Group/Kankakee Riverfront Society



- SE Corner of East River Street and South Schuyler Avenue
- Fundraising Phase: \$3.25M needed, letter of support to Senator Dick Durbin on behalf of City of Kankakee
- Anticipated completion: Spring 2024
<http://www.thecurrentsofkankakee.com/>

Pembroke Township



- One of 22 communities selected by Department of Energy for the Local Energy Action Program (LEAP)
- Create community-wide action plan to reduce local air pollution, increase energy resilience, lower utility costs and energy burdens, and provide long-term jobs and economic opportunities.
- More information:
<https://www.energy.gov/communitiesLEAP/leap-communities>





Solar & Wind Development



Gar Creek Solar



- Developed by Trajectory Energy Partners, as an Illinois Solar for All Project. Subscribe to Gar Creek Solar through ComEd's Give A Ray Solar Project.
Comed.com/GiveARay
- \$9.6M investment on 2MW and 2.8MW solar farm producing enough electricity to power 500-600 homes
- Located south and east of Kankakee. Online in late April.





Heritage Prairie
Renewable



- 300MW Solar Farm east of the Village of Essex
- 500-600MW wind farm in Kankakee & Iroquois Counties
- \$1B in projected community investment, \$214M in property tax revenue over project lifetime
- Permitting through Kankakee County, construction expected Q4 2022, commercial operation Q4 2024





➤ Staley Solar Farm - 400 acres near north west side of Bourbonnais, 70MW site powering 11,500 homes

➤ Anticipated \$90M in projected CAPEX, \$550K in year one property tax revenue, 150 construction jobs

➤ Anticipated start October, 2022.

Phase 2 - Stag Solar
3,000 acres anticipated





Business Attraction & Retention



Business Retention



J.R. SHORT™ SNACK PRODUCTS

- Produce goods for the largest snack product company in the U.S.
- 5 million lbs. pellets/month, a 600%+ increase in eight years
- Line production at Grinnell Road, Festival Drive locations; warehouse on West Court Street
- 165 employees; now hiring, starting at \$17/hour



Business Retention



- '2nd Responders' - fire, water, smoke, cleaning, storm damage repairs, construction
- Catalog, clean & store items
- 50 employees, 50 vehicles at Manteno location





CSL Plasma

Good for You. Great for Life.

Plasma Collection Center to Open

- Located on CSL south campus in former Bunge building
- 35 full and part-time positions
- Anticipated opening mid 2022

More information: <https://www.cslplasma.com/>



Region-wide Outreach





IMA Business Day in Springfield



Google My Business Seminar

Recent Events

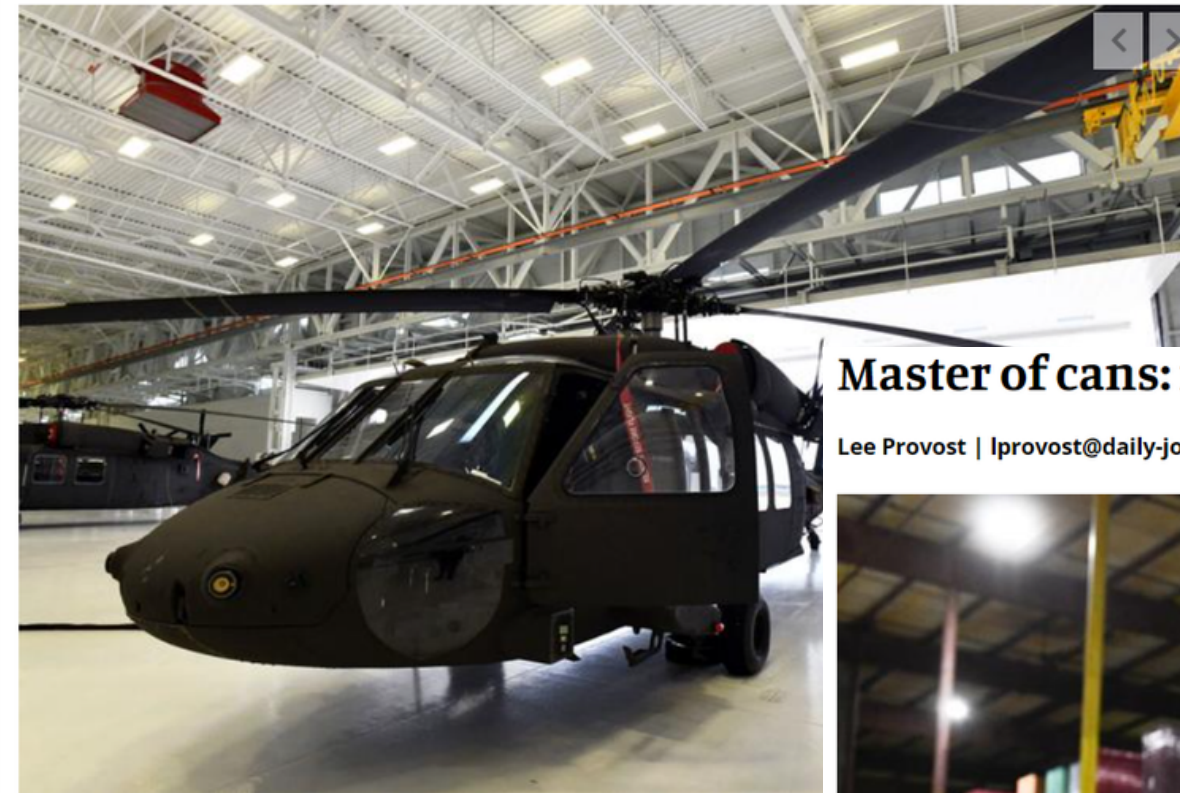
ARPA Funds Webinar - Kankakee County

High School Business Classes

Daily Journal Press Coverage

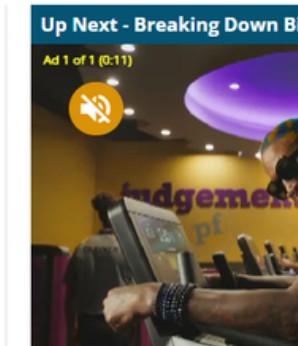
Local regiment to test Army's new 'V' model Black Hawk helicopters

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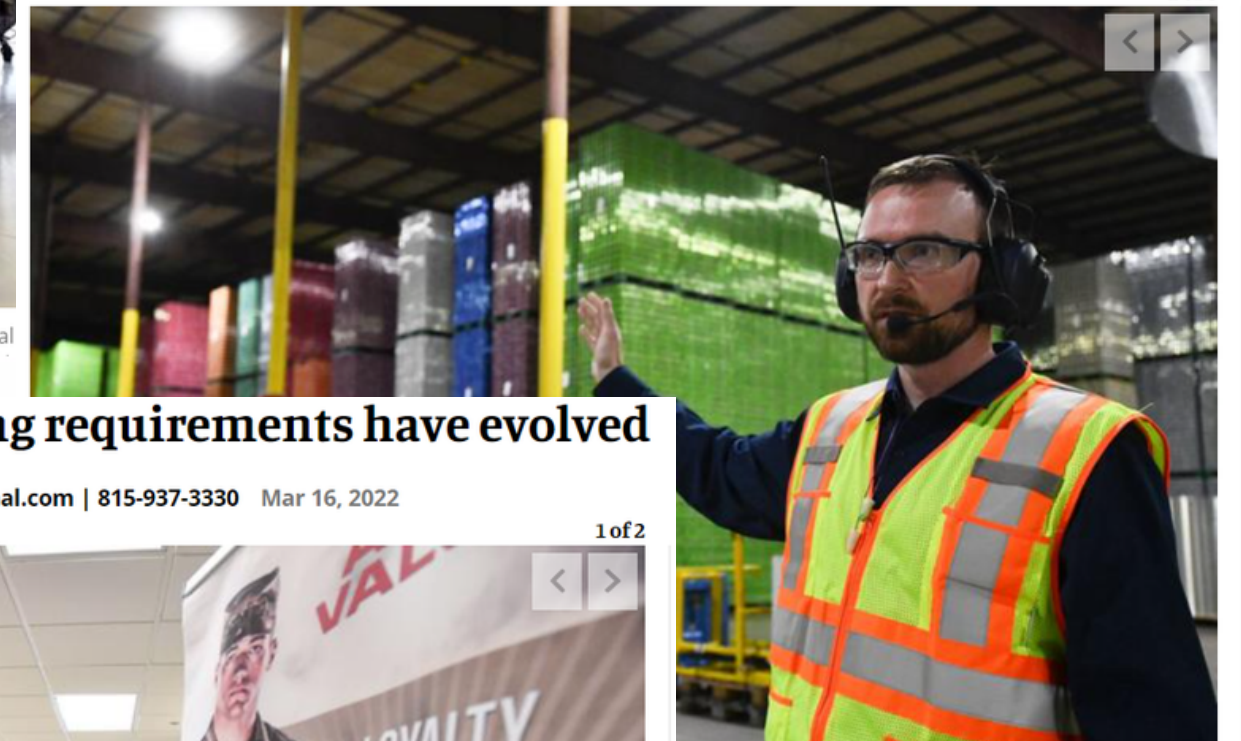
One of four new UH-60V Black Hawk helicopters awaits testing at the Army National

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Master of cans: millions produced daily at Crown Cork

Lee Provost | lprovost@daily-journal.com | 815-937-3364 Mar 12, 2022



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Recruiter: Military testing requirements have evolved

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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

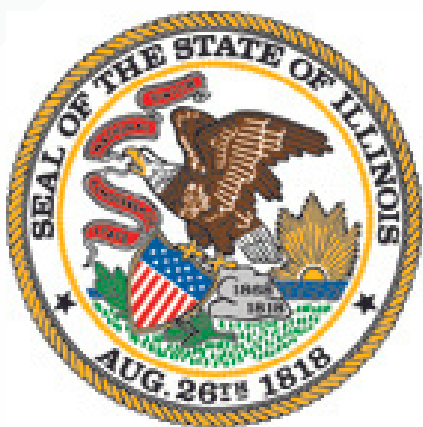




Marketing & Project Initiatives



RISE Grant Application



Illinois
Department of Commerce
& Economic Opportunity
OFFICE OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT
JB Pritzker, Governor



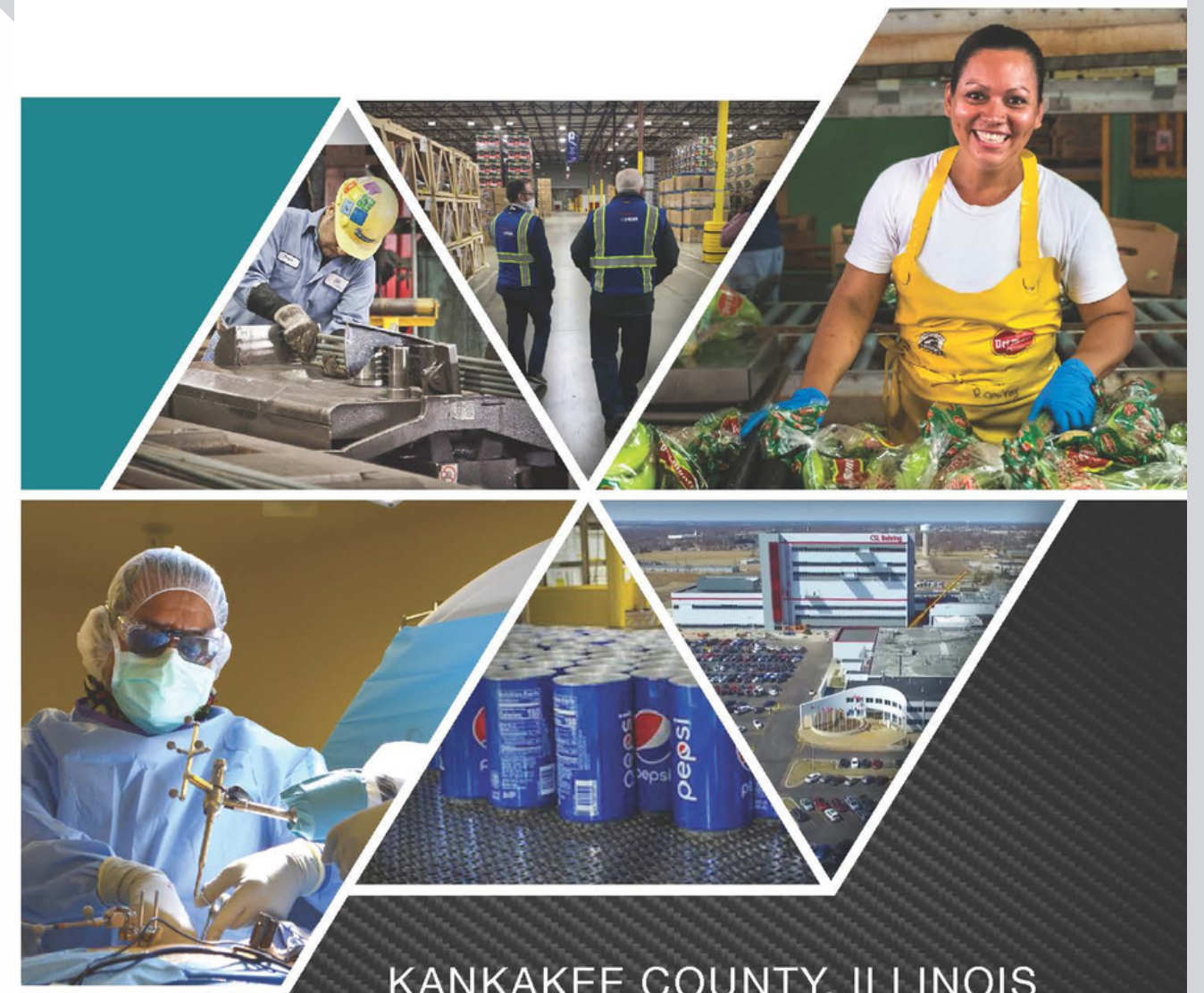
- Assistance with creating a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for Kankakee County
- Acquiring support letters in coming weeks

2022 Market Profile



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KANKAKEE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

2022 Perfil de Mercado



2022 PERFIL DE MERCADO

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KANKAKEE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Daily Journal Progress Awards



CONNECT

2022 Board of Director Meetings

- June 9
- September 8
- November 10

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