

Press Release

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I-88 West Corridor Partners are happy to announce the roll out of their new web site at www.i88west.com. I-88 West is a partnership between Lee and Whiteside Counties, which includes areas in Carroll and Ogle Counties also. This new web site was created to bring positive attention to our area and region for economic growth. The tag line “In the middle of everywhere” is exactly where we are and we feel that is where new industrial and commercial business wants to locate. With the diligent workforce, land and buildings we have in this region we feel we are in a prime place for them to locate and expand.

You need a location that balances the best-cost advantages, access to global markets, and a high quality of life. Whether you’re already taking advantage of what we have to offer or you’re seeking a dynamic new business opportunity, I-88 West is ready to assist with our cross-functional team of regional experts.

John Thompson of Lee County and Dixon Development, dchamber@essex1.com; Sandy Henrekin, of Rock Falls Development Corporation, director@rockfallsdevelopment.org; Heather Sotelo of Greater Sterling Development, hsotelo@sterlingdevelopment.org; and Betty Steinert, of Whiteside County Economic Development, bsteinert@whiteside.org; have worked hard for our individual communities and counties and feel that I-88 West marketing is a must.

The I-88 West partnership was founded in the 1990s. Since then, hundreds of millions of dollars have been invested in our region by dozens of relocating and expanding companies.

For example, a Wal-Mart Distribution Center, Spectrum Brands (Rayovac) regional distribution system, and Sterling Rail Service now call I-88 West home. Our latest successes include a biomass energy company with plans to construct in Rock Falls. On the commercial side of things, the new Buffalo Wild Wings, Menards and our latest announcement of a Kohl’s and Pet Smart.

We also work with existing industry and business to foster growth within, just a few of those projects have been: Drives LLC, Wahl Clipper Corporation, Rock River Lumber & Grain, Skoog Landscape & Design, IFH Group Inc., Country Inn & Suites, Crest Foods Inc., Allied Locke Industries, First Industrial Corporation, UPM Raflatac Inc., Karlin Foods Inc., and Dixon Grill & Chill.

I-88 Partners is a One-Stop Shop, our team includes experts in enterprise zones, TIFs, job training, and other incentive programs. Confidential property search services whether you are looking for greenfield development or existing buildings. Connection to local business leaders and government officials.

I-88 West Partners would like to thank their many contributors who made it possible to market and help our region.