



## MOVING FORWARD.

A record-breaking crowd of business and community leaders gathered for the Big Event, focused on leveraging local assets and delivering on the Lake County Promise.

Lake County Partners participated in the Small Business Success Event hosted by the Illinois Small Business Development & International Trade Center and the College of Lake County to provide businesses with strategy, tools and resources related to capital access and global markets.

Lake County Partners actively participated in Lake County's annual Leaders Summit, which focused on strengthening the Workforce Ecosystem.

The Alliance for Industry and Manufacturing presented Noise Barriers, LLC with the "Lake County Manufacturer of the Year" award for its manufacturing of architectural, industrial and environmental noise control products and solutions.

Valent BioSciences, the global leader on biorational products, is investing \$22 million to build a 98,000 sq. ft. facility at Innovation Park in the Village of Libertyville.

Gurnee-based Nypor, a health care product manufacturer, launched a construction project to double the size of the company's existing facility to nearly 170,000 sq. ft. and create an initial 60 new jobs.



## WORKING TOGETHER.

Mundelein High School constructed a \$23.8 million addition with a free-standing STEM Lab, Project Lead the Way instruction and a Business Incubator Lab to prepare students for the most sought-after careers.

Lake Forest College broke ground on a \$43 million project to strengthen the school's science training capabilities and transform its instruction and research.

Lake County Partners and the Schuler Scholars Program produced an employment-focused event for college-age scholars and recent graduates where business leaders shared their career expertise.



## GUARANTEEING SUCCESS.

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## WE'RE YOUR LAKE COUNTY PARTNER FOR BUSINESS.

*With the generous support of our investors, Lake County Partners has strategically worked to advance many important economic development initiatives related to workforce training, stakeholder coordination and public outreach.*

### EXPANDING THE WORKFORCE ECOSYSTEM

*Businesses rely on Lake County's educated workforce.* Through the Business Outreach Program, we regularly meet with business leaders to address and meet their needs. Because talent is essential to company success, we work hand-in-hand with the Lake County Workforce Development Department, the College of Lake County, local municipal representatives and other stakeholders to identify and train the workforce of today and tomorrow. These partnerships allow us to share intelligence and resources and effectively assemble joint solutions to challenges. As a result, businesses benefit from innovative programs and curriculum that are customized to the specific skills that Lake County employers seek.

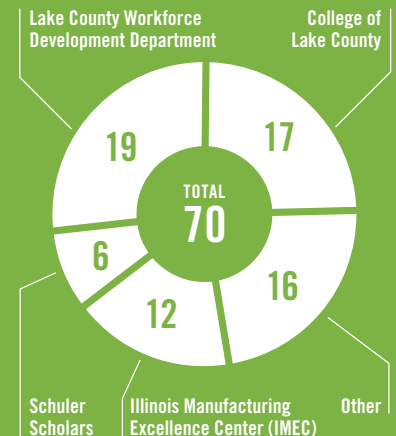
### MEETING WITH MUNICIPALITIES

*Communities are the backbone of economic development in Lake County.* We convene our Municipal Economic Development Advisory Group on a quarterly basis to bring together municipal investors from across the county and provide unique opportunities for input, collaboration and engagement. Meetings coincide with our distribution of over 1,700 custom reports which contain data that municipalities can use to market their communities, attract investment and recruit business. This year, we provided an outlet for this information at the International Council of Shopping Centers Deal Making Show, where we hosted a booth and marketed 10 participating municipalities to nearly 2,000 site selectors, realtors and brokers.

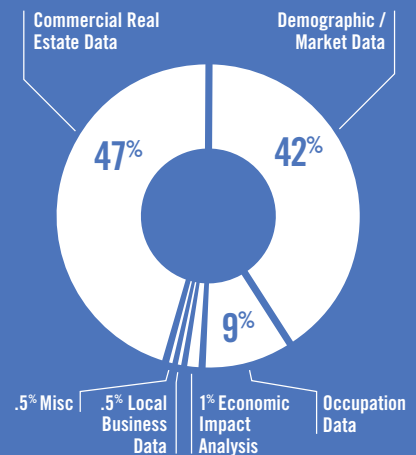
### PROMOTING THE PROMISE

*Lake County delivers everything you need to flourish, personally and professionally.* We are at the forefront of economic development as we work with local leaders to meet the evolving demands of business and sustain our communities. We actively use our communication tools—including our website, social media, e-newsletters, and reports—to paint a picture of what it's like to do business in Lake County. We're proud of what we have to offer and know that businesses will benefit from operating here and working with us.

### WORKFORCE ECOSYSTEM CONNECTIONS



### MUNICIPAL REPORT INTELLIGENCE



### THE LAKE COUNTY PROMISE

