

20 YEARS AS YOUR LAKE COUNTY PARTNER FOR BUSINESS



Sysmex Opens 98k Sq. Ft. Facility in Vernon Hills

Diagnostic hardware and software provider Sysmex America celebrated its 50th anniversary by opening a new 98,000 sq. ft. facility in Vernon Hills to train up to 4,400 people per year and meet the needs of the company's growing customer base. The facility joins the company's other operations in Lincolnshire, Mundelein and Buffalo Grove.

Handi-Foil Creates 700 Jobs at New Antioch Facility

Handi-Foil, the largest manufacturer of aluminum pans in the nation, is opening a new 560,000 sq. ft. facility at the Antioch Corporate Park in Antioch. Through the partnership of the Village and Lake County Partners, Handi-Foil will be bringing 700 jobs to Lake County. Full production at the plant should start in the first quarter of 2019.

Valent Biosciences Global Research Facility Opens

Valent Biosciences opened the doors to its new global research facility at Innovation Park in Libertyville, boasting of 65,000 sq. ft. of open-concept lab and a 20,000 sq. ft. state-of-the-art greenhouse.

Waukegan High School Becomes a National Leader in Manufacturing Education

Lake County Partners worked with Waukegan High School District 60 to secure a partnership with the Digital Manufacturing Design and Innovation Institute to be one of just three schools in the country to pilot a new Multi-Skilled Technician curriculum and enable the school to be a national leader in advanced manufacturing education. The program will start in fall of 2019 with a cohort of sophomores who will begin a three year curriculum.

Heathrow Scientific and Daigger Break Ground in Lincolnshire

Medical companies Heathrow Scientific and Daigger broke ground for a 186,000 sq. ft. corporate headquarters and distribution facility in Lincolnshire.

Lake County Invests in STEM and Life Sciences

Lake County's award-winning higher-ed institutions continued to increase their investment in STEM and Life Sciences. The College of Lake County hosted grand openings for its new LEED-certified Science and Engineering Building and Baxter Innovation Lab—state-of-the-art facilities that will allow students to stay ahead of the curve in STEM, mechatronics, photonics, design and fabrication. Lake Forest College also made advances, opening the doors to a new \$43 million 130,000 sq. ft. Lillard Science Center that will bring together biochemistry, molecular biology, neuroscience and other disciplines. Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science continued construction on a new 100,000 sq. ft. Innovation and Research Park to house cutting-edge research labs, offices and incubator space for faculty and commercial biotech startups.

Assertio Therapeutics Relocates from California to Lake Forest

Citing Lake County's high-quality workforce and significant pharmaceutical cluster, Assertio Therapeutics chose to relocate the company's headquarters from California to Lake Forest.

AKHAN Semiconductor Debuts New Cleanroom at Gurnee Site

Advanced manufacturer AKHAN Semiconductor debuted its new cleanroom in Gurnee to produce the company's patented "Miraj Diamond" technology, which makes smartphone screens six times stronger, 10 times harder and 800 times cooler than other glass.

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Thanks to the generous support of investors, Lake County Partners has been a driving force behind economic development for 20 years and counting. As we look forward to the organization's next chapter, we're committed to adapting to trends and working strategically with our partners to ensure that Lake County continues to be the location of choice for the business community.

BUILDING THE LAKE COUNTY WORKFORCE ECOSYSTEM

To enhance talent attraction and retention, Lake County Partners works directly with corporate leaders to identify challenges and coordinate solutions with key partners such as Lake County Workforce Development, the College of Lake County, the Lake County High Schools Technology Campus and others. Outcomes include direct hires for key positions, specialized training programs, professional development, hiring assistance, enhanced educational opportunities, financial incentives, reimbursement programs and an enhanced focus on developing Lake County's next generation of workers through career expos, internships and apprenticeship programs.

ENHANCING MOBILITY TO ACCESS CHICAGO TALENT

One of Lake County's economic strengths is its connectivity within the region and access to global markets. Lake County offers a quicker commute to O'Hare International Airport than the City of Chicago and a higher live-work rate than in any of the other suburban Chicagoland counties—with 70% choosing to both live and work in Lake County and enjoy a comparatively short commute time. For the 34,000 workers that live in Chicago and travel north each day to take advantage of the high-quality job opportunities offered in Lake County, the commute just got better. The Milwaukee District North Line accommodates the highest levels of reverse and intra-county commuting in the Metra system, and many companies like AbbVie, Horizon Pharma, Trustmark Insurance, Northwestern Medicine Lake Forest Hospital and Tenneco rely on it to attract a diverse workforce, which is why Lake County Partners recently forged a unique public-private partnership to enhance train service and make it easier for companies to access talent beginning in early 2019.

COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS TO BUILD COMMUNITY

Lake County's promise to deliver a rewarding life both inside and outside of the office continues to be a key driver of economic development. Each year, Lake County Partners works closely with the public sector to tell the story, fuel data-based decision making, spread best practices, spark collaborations and provide the cutting-edge tools that our municipal leaders need to build the strong and lasting communities upon which our businesses depend.

WORKFORCE ECOSYSTEM OUTCOMES

473 Companies Engaged

1210 New Employees Hired

968 Existing Employees Trained

3000 High School Students in Career Exploration Programs

1000 High School Students Employed

AVERAGE COMMUTE TIME



Lake County
29.9 Minutes



Chicago
34.4 Minutes

THE LAKE COUNTY PROMISE

A highly educated workforce.

Top-ranking schools nationwide.

Global industry leaders.

Beautiful and diverse recreational areas.

The right balance between work and play.

A gateway to global markets.

World-class healthcare in your backyard.

A first-rate quality of life.